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Let him have time to see his friends and foes,
And merry fools to mock at him resort;
Let him have time to mark how slow time goes
In time of sorrow, and how swift and short
His time of folly and his time of sport...

William Shakespeare
*The Rape of Lucrece*

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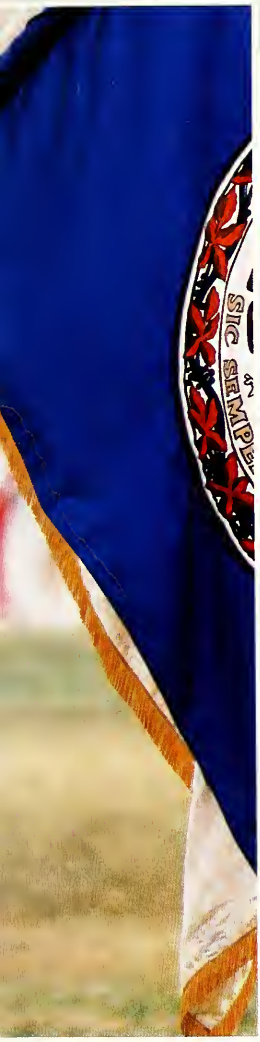


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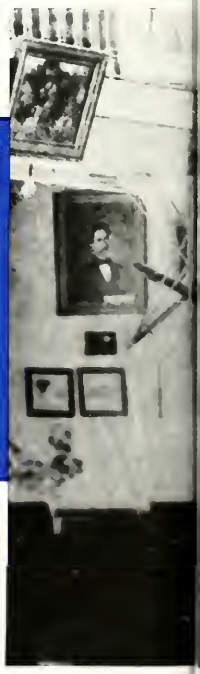

The view of the Institute as seen from Limit's Gates has changed dramatically over the years. Letcher avenue, since this picture was taken, has been bricked and paved. Unlike this picture, very few trees surround the parade deck making barracks visible.

# The More Things Change...

Although it has been said that the Institute never changes, it has actually undergone some major changes since 1839. Much to every Cadet's relief, summer encampment on the parade field has ceased to be a required part of Institute life. Cadets are now allowed to return home for holidays and summer furlough; something that was once restricted until a cadet completed his second class year. No longer are cadets required to form up for every class and march to their designated academic building, and professors no longer have their quarters within the walls of barracks.

Nowadays, cadets do not have to go up town in grey blouse both winter and summer; the introduction of the white blouse has relieved many sun-baked cadets during the warmer months. The garrison cover has replaced the kepi as the official cadet cover, and the M14 has filled the role of the Austrian musket carried by the New Market Corps. The white pith helmet, which made its brief debut at VMI as a part of the summer guard uniform, is now remembered only in pictures.

Gone but not forgotten are the organizations that once kept life very interesting at the Institute. Such secret societies as the "Molly McGuire" were officially banned by the Board of Visitors in the 1880's. This ban applied not only the these secret societies, but also to all fraternaties at VMI, including Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma Kappa, and Sigma Nu, which were founded by cadets. All in all, the life of a cadet is substantially different now for the "New Corps" than it was "back in the Old Corps."

**by Charles Leggett**

(Above left) One of a number of things no longer practiced, sections form up and march to the first Smith Hall, VMI's first academic building.

(Left) The school's architecture, as well as cadet life, has changed dramatically over the years. The origional library, for instance, was located in the rooms above Jackson arch. Today, the Corps has the luxury of Preston Library, a building with over six stacks of books.

# The More They Remain the Same

On the other hand, there are certain idiosyncracies that have lived on at VMI; sometimes despite all attempts to erradicate them. The antics of cadets have not in themselves evolved much since the 1800's. The well preserved tradition of throwing fireworks on the stoop and into the courtyard is a practice which appeared at VMI around the Civil War. The penalty for doing so was pretty harsh back then as well.

> "I can assure you that I am heartily sick of the military, studies & everything else connected with the V.M.I. & I don't think I will touch a gun, book, or anything that bears any resemblance to them for some time after I leave here, that is if I ever do get away."
>
> - Cadet Charles Barton
> Sept. 28, 1855

Cadets maintain their inalienable right to complain about every thing associated with the Institute. Cadets still complain about Crozet Hall and its wonderful culinary creations. Above all, cadets have carefully guarded their right to satirize the administration and faculty. From the days of Thomas J. "Tom Fool" Jackson, or "Stonewall Jackson" as he is more commonly known, up to the current staff of the Institute, cadets have excelled at the art of ridicule.

Perhaps the most signifigant constant at VMI is the Rat Line. Although some aspects of it may have been slightly altered, the fundamental mission remains the same. "It is the purpose of the Virginia Military Institute to produce educated and honorable young men," as it states in the Rat Bible. And, as always, the Rat is now and forever "the lowest and dumbest of God's creatures."

In many ways the Institute has changed with the times, but the essentials remain constant. So as the old saying goes, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

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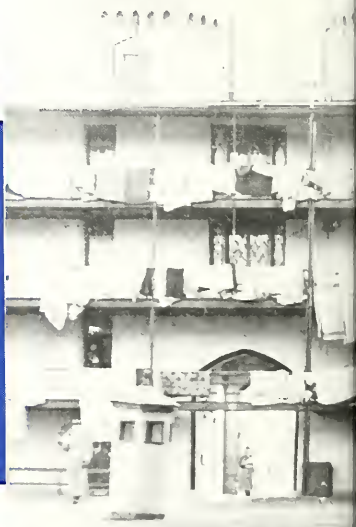
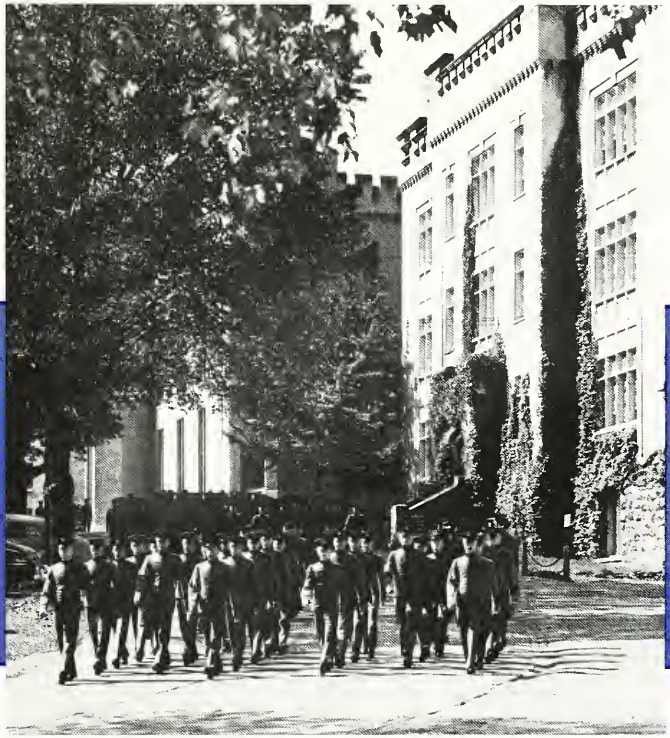
(below, left) A cadet from the 1950's studying in an environment almost identical to that of today. Anyone passing through barracks in the 90's would run into a similar scene.



(right) The Monday morning routine of airing out hays has been around almost as long as barracks has had stoops.

(above) A new cadet longs for home. Being homesick is an emotion every cadet has experienced. Whether an upperclassman or a rat, this is something that is as much a part of VMI as is wearing a uniform.



Cadets pictured above march down to Crozet Hall, something that has been a part of cadet life since the very beginning of the school's existance.

# ASPECTS

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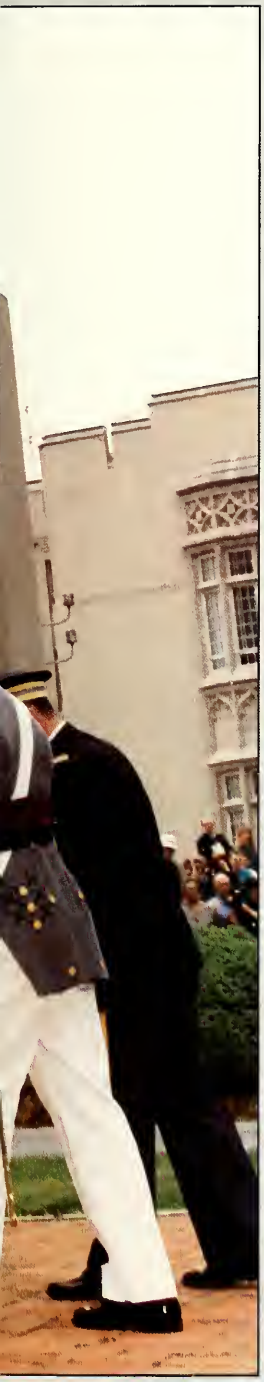


(above) Guard-team members carry off one of a number of casualties suffered during Hell Night.

(below) In order to prevent breakout from getting too easy the Lexington Fire Department washed down the hill.

# New Market Day

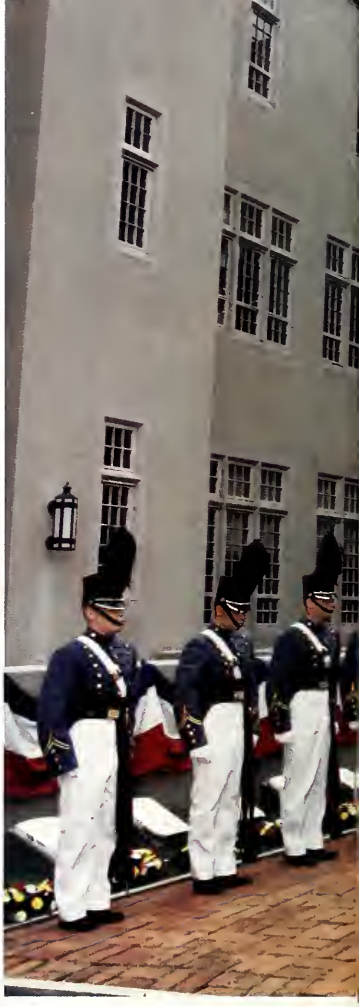
## On the Field of Honor

VMI is the only school in the history of the United States to enlist its students in a full scale engagement. One hundred and twenty years ago, Confederate Major General John C. Breckenbridge called on the Corps of Cadets to help reinforce his army. On May 11, 1864, the Cadets marched three days to the small town of Staunton, Virginia and added on to Gen. Breckenbridge's unit. The General intended to use the cadets as an emergency reserve only.

Three days after the cadets arrived, a gap opened up in the Confederate line. Gen. Breckenbridge, reluctant to gamble Virginia's future officers, decided to have the cadets fill up the hole during the resulting engagement located at New Market, Va. Marching into a downpour of rain and artillery fire, the cadets, along with the remainder of the Confederate line, charged their enemy. This charge took place at a very critical moment, and was instrumental in stabilizing the Confederate line. As a result, the Union forces were driven back and the battle was won for the Confederacy. This helped the South maintain control of the Shenendoah Valley. The victory, unfortunately, was not without a loss to the Corps of Cadets. Five cadets were killed during the course of the battle, and another five died afterwards due to battle-related injuries.

Every year on May 15, the Corps remembers the ten cadets who sacrificed their lives in the Battle of New Market. During a very solemn ceremony, the name of each cadet that died is reported by a representative of his respective company. "Died on the field of honor, sir." is answered to the cadet's names as they are called out. Afterwards, two buglers play a slow, echoed version of taps. In such a touching ceremony, everyone attending sees firsthand that the discipline and dedication of our fallen cadets reflects that the Corps truly is "an honor to our country and our state."

**by Stuart Mallory**



(above) A detail fires a rifle volley while the ten New Market cadets are honored at their annual memorial service.

(left) The Commandant and Regimental Commander bow their heads during a moment of silence to remember the fallen cadets.

(below) The Regimental Commander prepares to take the report of cadets killed in action during the Battle of New Market.

(left) The Regimental Commander looks on as the corps falls into position for the New Market parade.

# Matriculation

## A NEW BEGINNING

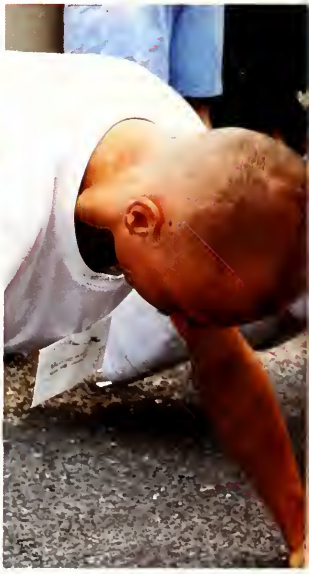
That fateful day in August began innocently enough. But as every matriculant could tell, this would not be a normal day. These rats would soon take the first and most difficult step on the long road of their cadetship. With the old Corps waiting to receive them in the New Courtyard, the rats met their Cadre. Thus was the beginning of their darkest hours at VMI. From the QMD, to the barber shop, to the stoop and parade deck, the rats were given all the essentials of their cadetship. After a long, stressful day, the rats went to sleep only to be awakened an hour later. Hell night was upon them! As with their Dyke's class before them, the rats filed into J.M. Hall to meet the RDC and learn how to strain for the first time. Afterwards, this lesson was put to good use during the sweat party held in barracks by the First Class and Cadre. The rats, by now a very different group of individuals, were sent back to sleep. Each rat climbed back to the fourth stoop secure in the knowledge that the hardest day was over.

> Kiss your mothers goodbye rats, its time to grow up!

Unfortunately, their walk down the road less traveled had only begun. For about the next six months alone they would face sweat party after sweat party. They would feel the wrath of the RDC. Worst of all, they would have to tolerate the third stoop.

**Tim Collier**

(Below) The transition from civilian to cadet begins as matriculants suffer through the shock of meeting their cadre.



(above) Dan Hill is kind enough to keep the new cadets occupied as they wait for their Brother Rats to finish up in the barber shop.

(Above) New cadets patiently wait as they are about to meet thier cadre.

(Left) A new cadet peers off into space as he gets his head shaved. There is no going back now!!

Each year, cadets submit pictures of their Homecoming dates and nominate a young lady to represent their company on the Homecoming Court. The Cadet Program Board is then assigned the difficult task of choosing the Homecoming Queen from the ten company representatives.

*Miss Lisa Strauss - Alpha*
*Tom Carlsen*

*Miss Elizabeth Allen - Echo*
*Ryan Croley*

*Miss Kimberly Dawn Young - Foxtrot*
*Nathan Rush*

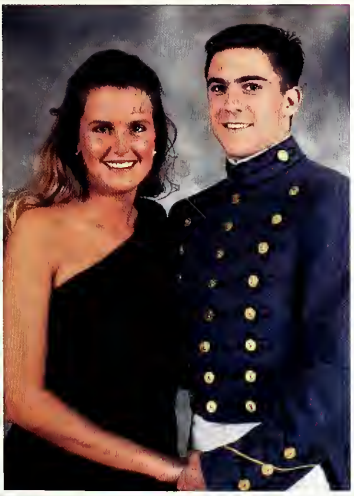
*Miss Kate Raudenbush - Golf*
*Scott Davis*

# Homecoming Court

*Miss Mary Shepard - Bravo*
*John Adams*

*Miss Julie Pearson - Charlie*
*Antonio Napolitano*

*Miss Tammy Callahan - Delta*
*Sean Goldsmith*



*Miss Michelle Ragsdale - Hotel*
*Chris Yeatts*

*Miss Lee Thompson - India*
*Tyrell Vermillion*

*Miss Dawn Miller - Band*
*Mike Wallace*

# Homecoming Hops

It is the beginning of a new VMI year, and we all know what that means. BRC, practice parades, confinement...the list goes on and on. Thankfully, Homecoming Hops are here! For many cadets (and almost all rats), Homecoming is the first real good time of the year.

The weekend is kicked off in typical VMI style, with (you guessed it) a parade. The anticipation is cranked up a notch as all the cadets' dates line the parade deck, trying to catch a glimpse of their cadet. Then, the stats are flying as cadets prepare to take leave to the nearest convenient hotel to loosen up for the evening ahead.

As the hour of hop privileges draws near, cadets and their dates converge on Cocke Hall for the music and dancing ahead. With music provided by a professional band and VMI's own band, The Lounge, a good time is had by all. Make no mistake, the weekend's festivities are just beginning. After enjoying the hop for precisely two hours, its back to the hotels to party the night away. However, all good things must come to an end. 0655 seems to approach more quickly after a hop, and instructors are tested to their limits to hold the attention of an exhausted Corps.

Following some much needed sleep, the football game between VMI and Marshall begins. Amid all the cheering, Old Yells, and general mayhem of the rats, the football game goes on, and everyone has a good time. A special treat to behold is the presentation of the Homecoming Court and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen. After the clocks run out and the victoious team leaves the field, most cadets return to the business at hand--having the best time possible. But all too soon, the weekend has ended. A final afternoon, and the cadets return to the rigors of daily life at the Institute.

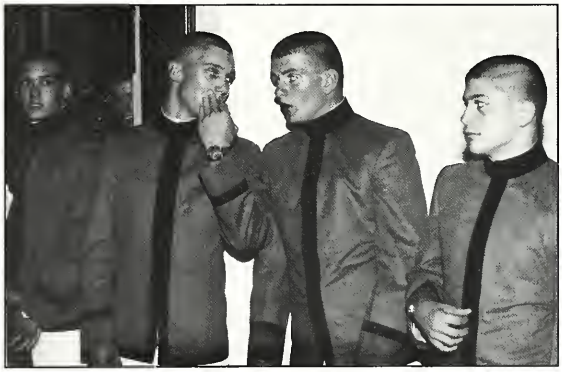
Tim Collier

(Right) A rat-tie clings on to this high-school sweet-heart at thier first VMI hop.

(Below) The Lounge, with Aric Southworth at lead vocals, performs during Homecoming.

(above) Rats and upper-classmen alike let loose and take the stage as they tear up Cocke Hall to their favorite songs.

(below) Rats get an early taste of what it is like to be an upper-classman!



(left) Sean Swineford, distracted by the presence of his girlfriend, finds himself violating the Institute's rules against public displays of affection.

# Breakout

If there is one all-consuming thought in the minds of every rat, it is Breakout. At least once over the course of every cadet's first year at VMI he must face a group of five or six angry thirds; or maybe a pack of psychotic RDC members. While fingers are being shoved in his face and copenhagen-laced saliva spat in his ear, he drowns everything and everyone out, wondering to himself, "when the hell is Breakout?" A few unfortunate souls even find themselves asking this question as early as the first week!

For about six months the excitement builds and builds. By February the rat has seen at least ten "guaranteed" Breakout days come and go. He quickly learns that "stoop-poop" (the false rumors that roam barracks from time to time) is more cruel than even the meanest of master sergeants; always teasing, always disappointing. Eventually, however, the rat notices an unusual excitement about the first class. After classes on this strange day, he realizes the rumors are true this time. An announcement echoes through barracks, "Mil duty for today is Rat Breakout. All rats will form up in BDU's in front of Jackson Arch." After two grueling hours of double-timing, push-ups, and mountain climbers, the rats' dreams are shattered as the RDC president announces that the rats are not ready (...93!93!93!).

The following day the same routine is performed. This time, though, rats from the back side of barracks notice fire trucks at Breakout hill. No doubt about it, this time it's for real! After forming up in J.M. Hall, Rhett Cox (the RDC president) delivers a "ya' done good" speech. Afterwards, its time to face the mud. All the rats are split into three groups. Two groups get worked out while the third low-crawls its way through some rather cold mud. After fighting their way through the third and second classmen, the rats' dykes pull their blooming fourth classmen to safety. After each rat cleans the mud from his eyes, he must wait in the crisp March air for some of the more unpopular members of his company to finish the crawl to freedom. Then it's off to Cocke Hall where the rats endure a prolonged sweat party while they wait for the other two groups to finish going through the mud. When all the rats have finished, they are addressed by the first class president. Old yells are then given in barracks. Finally, the poor rats can get cleaned up and enjoy a nice ARA steak (which, we hope, was also cleaned up).

In retrospect, it is thoroughly ironi that every rat gets so excited about goin through such an ordeal. But when this orde has ended, the relief from having such a gre weight lifted from one's chest is just ove whelming. When it comes time to share th joy with Mom and Dad, all the rats flood th phones. The boon that marks end of a rat Breakout comes when he reaches out to touc someone, "Guess what ma! I broke out to day!!" Of course, the glory comes to a shuc dering halt when, in a logical-sounding tone mother tells him, "go to the infirmary if you' having skin problems." After a vain attemp to explain, the phone is hanged up and the ra retires to his room to study for a chemistry te (which was conveniently scheduled for th day after Breakout). Life at VMI goes on an this new fourth classman realizes with som dismay, that he is still a rat. His chin just isn pinned in!

**by L. Marc Girling**

**(right) Jim Roman gives a rat a mouthful of Breakout Hi Soon afterwards ARA adds insult to injury by giving hi a mouthful of one of their steaks!**

**(below) Band Co. Corporals double-time their rats dow to the hill.**

(above) Only feet away from becoming "fourth classmen," these rats struggle up the steepest part of Breakout Hill.

(left) Cold weather and mud are only part of the misery of Breakout. Rats also had quite a crowd to contend with this year.

(above) Dave stokes is on hand to congratulate his Dyke after the climb has been made.

# Marshall Awards

## VMI's Army Department Has Another Successful Year

Every year, the top Army ROTC cadets from all over the country come to VMI to attend the Army's annual Marshall awards. It is quite an honor for each non-VMI Army cadet to attend these awards. Only the creme de la creme are selected to represent their school. Though VMI's cadets may shake their heads at the thought of having to entertain the "ROTC-Nazis," it is actually an honor for the school to have our country's future top brass.

During their short stay at VMI, the visiting cadets attend numerous lectures and round-tables. The cadets also get to tour VMI's post and attend a parade held in their honor. This particular year the Army ROTC department added on a public viewing of some of the Army's heavy equipment. Everything from assault helicopters to MREs were on hand for everyone to see.

Of all these attractions, the highpoint of the Marshall awards was the public addresses given by various political and military leaders. Some wonderful speeches were given by Dick Cheney, General Powell, General Peay, and, most memorable of all, the "Lt. Hua" speech given by the head of the Army's ROTC program.

Overall, the Marshall awards was very successful this year. The army cadets seemed to learn a lot and truly enjoy their visit. None of the rats seemed to offend any of the female cadets by tipping their hats! Finally, the public and the Corps really enjoyed listening to speeches from such distinguished figures as Gen. Powell and Mr. Cheney. VMI's Army department has really out done itself this year. They truly deserve a great deal of praise for all their efforts.

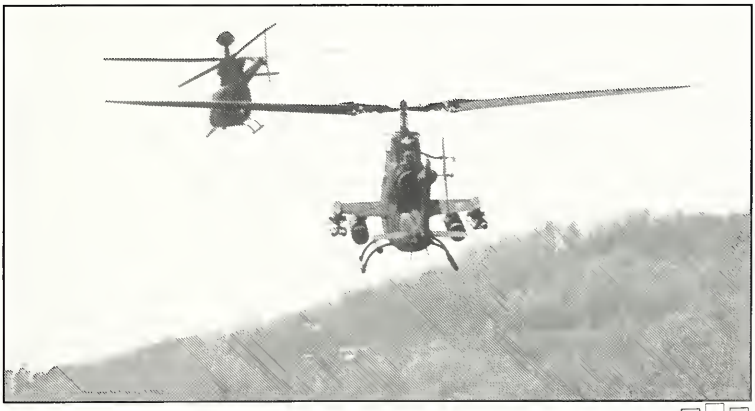
**(above and right) Ed Avila, VMI's top Army cadet, listens as guests are introduced at the Marshall awards assembly.**

**(below and right) Gen. Colin Powell prepares to address the Army's best new leaders.**

**(below) The top Army ROTC cadets from around the country sat in on a number of seminars throughout the Marshall awards week.**

(left) VMI's own, Gen. Peay, takes his turn at the podium.

(below) Towards the end of the week, the Army showed off some of its hardware to the public.



# Graduation

## Anticipation for Graduation

The final step on the road to becoming a VMI man is, obviously, graduation. No other event during a cadet's four years at VMI can really compare. The anticipation for graduation begins from the second a cadet meets his cadre. Over the next four years, this anticipation builds. As the day of graduation comes within sight, the cadet's own excitement is enhanced by that of his family's. Eventually, one of the greatest days of his young life becomes a reality as he walks across the stage to receive a diploma, a handshake, and a great deal of freedom.

Ironically, this day of nearly overwhelming joy is accompanied with a great deal of apprehension. Each graduating first classman faces a new job. Some will be serving as newly commissioned Second Lieutenants. Most (as the times dictate) will be going into civilian jobs related to their field of study. But this accounts for only a little bit of each graduate's apprehension. Odd as it may seem, leaving accounts for the majority of it. After four years of complaining about the Institute, one of the hardest things to do is leave. In such a small school, some very close friendships are made. Breaking from these friendships is by no means an easy thing to do. Of course, not having to face another BRC formation sure makes it easier!

**by L. Marc Girling**

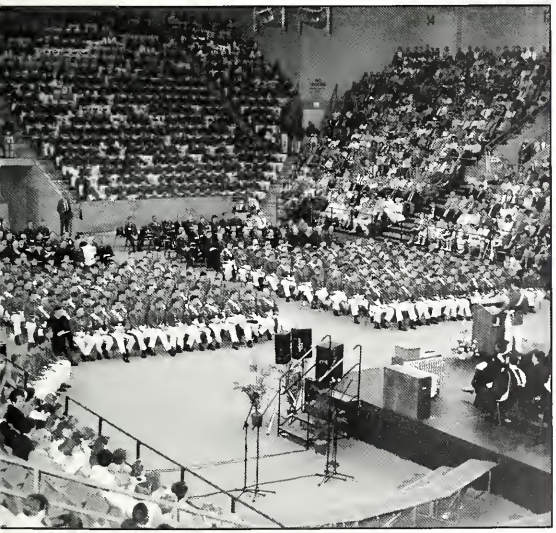
**(right) Gloves fly as next year's Regimental Commander announces that the class of 1993 has recieved it's final orders.**

**(below) One of this year's 250 proudest pair of parents!**

**(below) The Chaplain begins the graduation ceremony with the opening prayers.**

(below) Tom Carlsen addresses the class with the Valedictorian's speech.

(right) Danny Tweedy says farewell and thanks to Col. Miller.



# CORPS LIFE

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(above) As is the tradition, the corps marches down to the stadium for each home football game.

(below) Members of an on-coming guard team stand at rigid attention while the O.D. does the inspection.

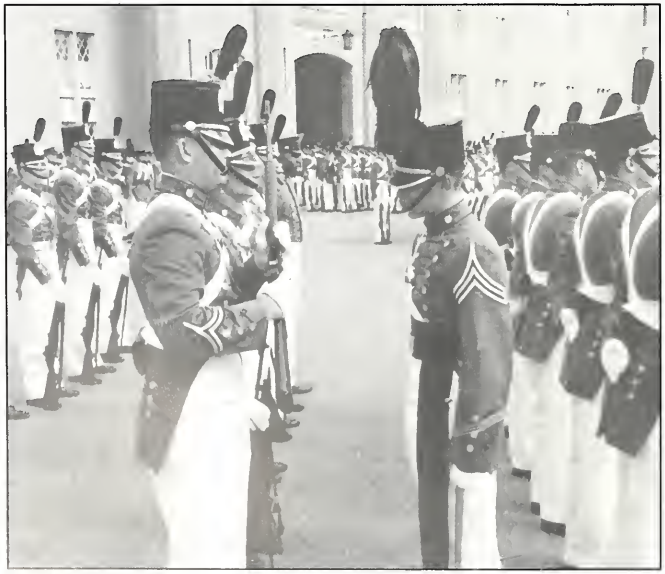
# A Time To Work...

(right) A Rat spends a few minutes during Cadre Week to touch up on his shoes.

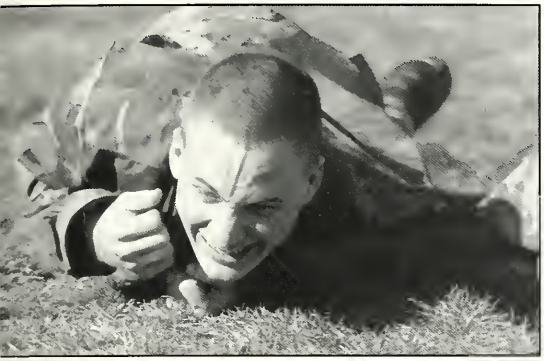
(below) An unlucky Rat is about to hav a bad day get worse as he is stopped b a Third Classman.

(left) Upper-classmen struggle through their Military Duty doing the required P.T. test.

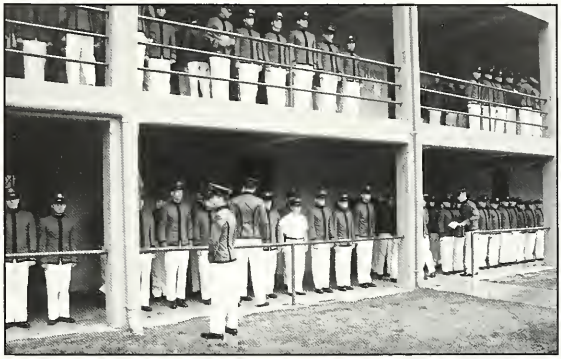
(below) Rats conquer the rope clim during their Rat Training.



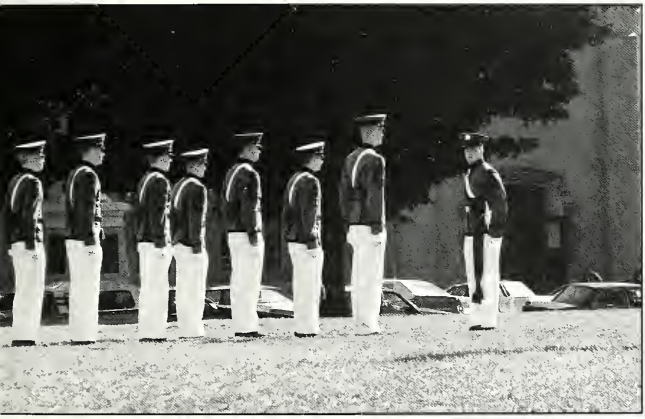
(left) A Corporal is inspected during an in ranks inspecion before parade.



(above) A Rat Strnggles through a low crawl during Military Duty.



(above) The Corps forms up for an incliment weather formation.



(above) Tom Carlsen observes the Corps during a Parade.

(below) Chris Kemper prepares to take over the next Guard Team.

(above) A Rat endures another one of the many unpleasant formations.

(above) The Cadet Battery cleans their howitzer during Military duty.

# A Time Not To Work

(above) Dave Stokes takes a short break from his studying to strum out a few tunes.

(above) A third classman prepares to "haze" a rat with a snow ball.

(above) The Bomb staff's very own John Craft gives a cheesy smile during a Mary Baldwin hop. Hey Crafty, ya want another shot at that bet?

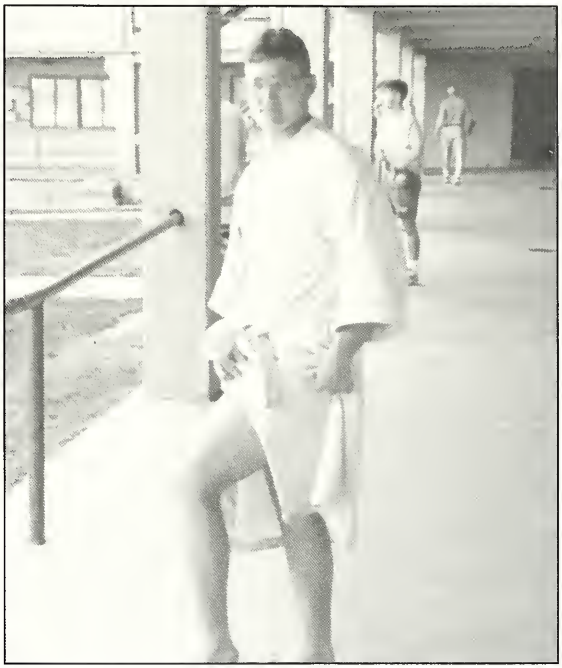
(above) Go Ski!! Doug Stransky makes a first down near Ghetto.

(left) Nobody on our staff could figure out what these guys were doing, but it sure looks like fun!

(above) Berry and Feeley pose for a pictur during last year's ring figure.

(left) Mike Wallace takes a study break until Breakfast Roll Call.

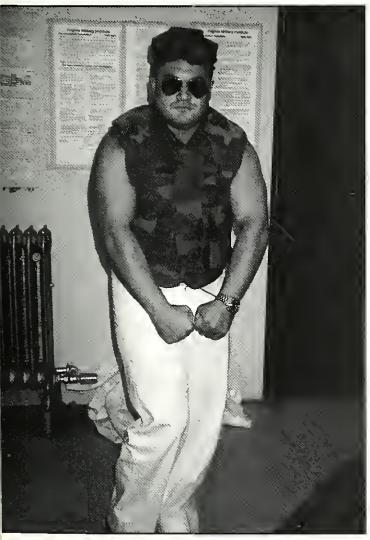
(below) Mike Tuck flashes a little leg on his way back from the shower...so sexy!



(left) Breakin' da law! Breakin' da law!

(below) Craig Eubank finds great joy in abusing his rat.

low) Beef Bosinger (a green beret in the making) flexes ever so intimidating beer belly.



# ACADEMICS

## Hittin' the Books

Academics at VMI are only one of a plethora of challenges which face cadets. As a Rat, most cadets adhere to the same program of study, taking courses in calculus, chemistry, history, English, applied computing, and a foreign language. In addition, they are exposed to the first of four years of military, naval, or aerospace science as well as physical education. For most, the pressures of the Ratline and the introduction to college level courses result in disappointingly low grades. With an average hovering around a 2.0 for the first semester, Rats often find that the new demands placed upon them will require a good deal more effort than they were used to putting forth in high school.

The next year, however, is when the real challenge begins. The third class year, commonly referred to as the academic Ratline, involves course work significantly more difficult than any that most cadets have previously had to bear. It is at this point that cadets are normally introduced to courses in their major. Each discipline has it's notorious "crush courses." For economists, it is financial accounting; for engineers, statics and differential equations. Biologists face organic chemistry, and physicists face advanced physics.

By their second class year, most cadets have resigned themselves to living with one or more unpleasant effects of the Institute; low grades, late nights, a fifth year, or a transfer out. To say the least, Ring Figure, Lexington pass, and the new-found second class privilege system have a nega-

(above) Brian VanDeun succumbs to the ever-present, siren-like call of the "rack monster."

(right) This rat refuses to fool around during his study hours. Most rats suffer from a miserable GPA their first year.

tive influence on grades. By this point, however, the majority have figured out how to work within the system. Reputedly tough professors are avoided, as are early morning classes and electives in rigorous subjects. As the ranks of the history and English departments swell, so shrink the numbers of the engineering and economics majors.

At long last, cadets reach their first class year and look forward to graduation. While the academics show no sign of easing up, at least the light can be seen at the end of the tunnel. As the First Class begins to make it's transition to life outside the Institute, commissions, graduate school, and job prospects become the focus of attention for most. For some, the last year means a greater number of classes than usual to make up for past omissions. For others, the labor of past summer sessions pays off in the form of light loads and the absence of Saturday classes.

Finally comes the day which every cadet looks forward to. At graduation, we leave the Institute with an education and a smile. Having come to the end of a long uphill path which is fought with peril, the First Class breathes a collective sigh of relief and leaves the books and late night study sessions to the underclassmen.

**by Van Hardenbergh**

**(top) Mike Wallace diligently works on an international studies assignment.**

**(right) It looks like a not-so-pleasant year ahead for this rat!**

# BREAKING THE RULES

Every cadet's life is governed by three different sets of rules. The first and most significant, the Honor Code, is almost never broken by the corps. This is due to the fact that every member of the corps has the responsibility of not only maintaining his own personal honor, but also of reporting fellow cadets who might not be maintaining their own. Since our Honor Code states that tolerance of dishonor is itself dishonorable, this first set of rules is almost always adhered to.

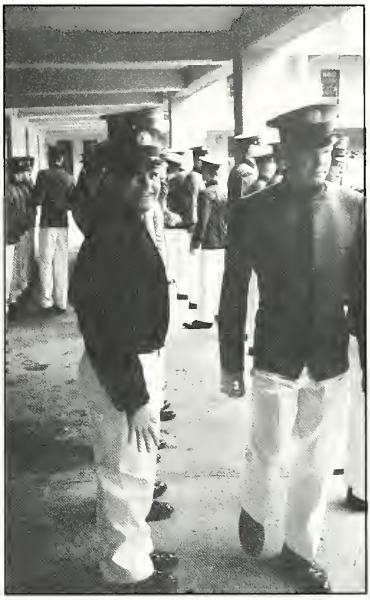
Another set of rules at VMI are those established by the General Committee. These rules deal with class privileges and personal conduct. As a cadet goes through VMI, he is granted more privileges from the G.C. as he gains seniority. A third classman and everyone above him, for example, is allowed to wear their covers indoors. A rat is not. A second classman (as well as first classmen) is allowed to turn his head in ranks. Thirds and Rats are not. A cadet quickly learns that he can typically break these rules around his Brother Rats, but not around any cadets whose privileges he might be taking.

The final set of rules are the ones cadets are probably most famous for breaking - the Institute Regulations. These rules are enforced by the Commandant, some members of the Commandant's staff, members of the guard, the Tac staff, and instructors (well...instructors with nothing better to do). The Institute regulations contradict a lot of the General Committee rules. Therefore, every time a third, second, or first wears his cover indoors, he is running the risk of getting reported.

After spending four years learning, manipulating, breaking, and avoiding these three sets of complicated, interwoven rules, many VMI alumni become lawyers. Is this not logical? Such a system is a perfect breeding ground for attorneys! VMI cadets learn the gentle art of getting away with as much as possible without getting stung. They learn how to break as many rules as they can without getting caught. They learn to take chances; to gamble. And when they loose that gamble, they practice another gentle art - the art of "B.S.-ing" their way out of what they have done. Ah, yes! VMI, no other undergraduate school is like it. No law school can ever compare!

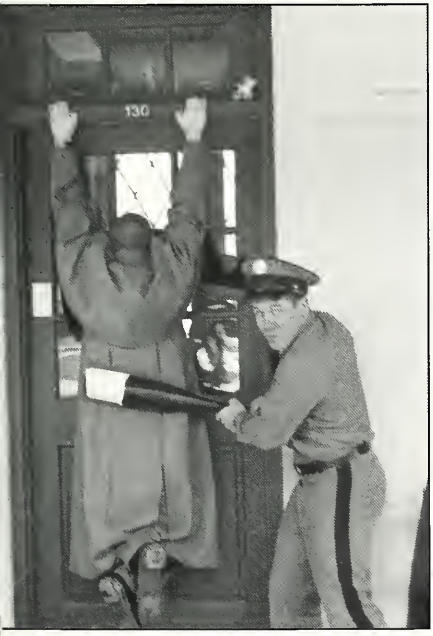
(above) A third suffers from overconsuming fermented hops. A quick run to East Lex and back is a popular way for cadets to violate the Institute's regulations on drinking in barracks.

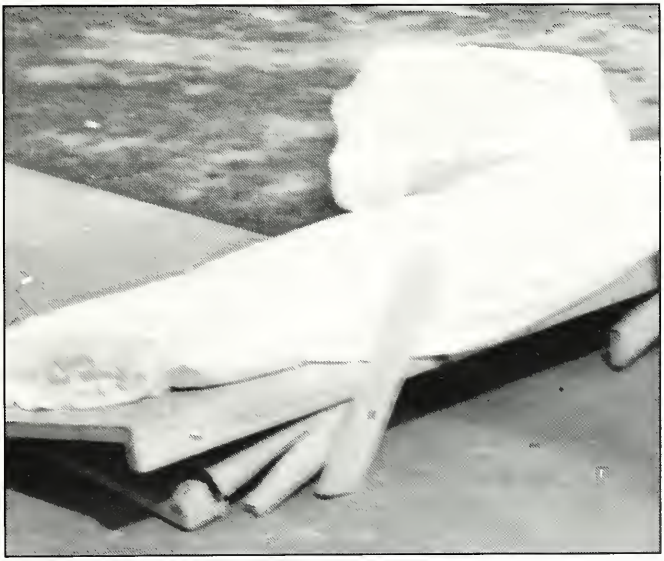
(right) Hmm, those cokes sure smell funny! Drinking at football games is probably the most popular rule to break.



(above) Rob French, well known for breaking rules, attempts to get through a formation in the wrong uniform!

(left) Even the X.O.'s, famous for their discipline, break the rules by breaking into Col. Bissel's office.



(left) Chris Tanner hazes his rat. Typically thirds are the ones who find themselves getting in trouble for this.

(above) Even the rats have been known to break a few rules. Here, a third's hay was thrown out along with his rack.

# THE CORPS ROOTS THE LOUDEST

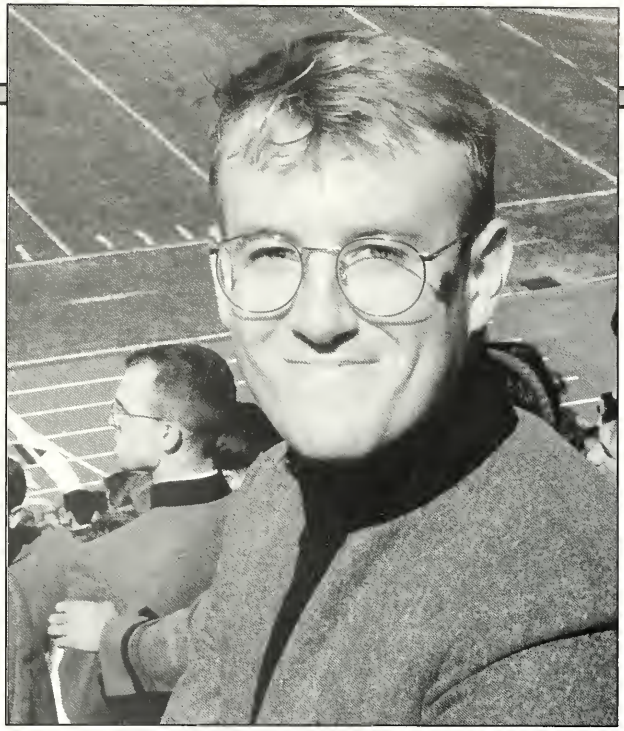
"Never say die!" This simple phrase projects the quality of spirit flowing through each member of the VMI Corps of Cadets. Such an attitude is easily visible at home sporting events by simply looking into the stands and observing cadets who refuse to sit, but would rather encourage our athletes for their efforts in the game. It never matters how poorly a game may be going, or how low moral may seem, because the overwhelmingly positive influence projected by Corps spirit makes all cadets winners in the end.

Several clubs are directly associated with the effects of Corps spirit. Groups such as the Spirit Squad and the Big Red Club play a direct role in the level of moral experienced at home sporting events and pep rallies. Corps spirit is not just associated with sports, but has also been directed towards the community. The Big Brothers and Circle K go out into the public and attempt to better the lives and surroundings of those people who are not directly affiliated with the Virginia Military Institute. Obviously the Corps spirit, which affects all aspects of our environment, is an outstanding characteristic associated with every cadet at VMI.

**by Trey Tyson**

(right) Enthusiastic as ever, the rats cheer on their football team.

(below) Every time the Keydets score, the rats (following the tradition) show their pride in the team by doing a set of push-ups.

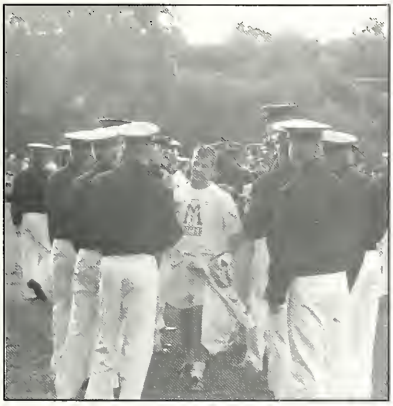


(below) Sean Lasalle and Matt Dalton take some time to pose for a picture during the Homecoming game.

(above) Creston Long appears very satisfied with the team's performance.

(left) As the football team comes out onto the field, the first classmen form a gauntlet to wish our guys good luck.

(below) Rats show up for a soccer game to root for their team and encourage their B.R.'s.



# PERFECT ON PARADE

In a school full of various traditions, perhaps the one most apparent to the general public is Friday Evening Parade. The Corps has enjoyed this chance to show off since the Institute's founding. It provides a chance to look smart and present a stirring picture as the Corps strives to be "perfect on parade."

Though it appears to the public that the Corps enjoys parades, appearances can be deceiving. Parades often prove to be dreaded by cadets. Many monotonous hours are spent shining up and cleaning rifles and bayonets. Parades provide cadets with yet another chance to be "boned" for their grievous sins. Rats have twice as much fun by shining up not only themselves, but their dykes too.

Friday parades are something one will find only at a military school. However, the precision and military bearing found in our cadets is characteristic only of VMI. Though cadets do not generally enjoy them, most understand and respect the purpose served by the parades. Regardless of their opinion, the cadets' performance at parade is an expression of their pride in being members of the VMI corps of cadets.

**by Sills O'Keefe**

(below) Gen. Knapp and honored guests observe the Corps as they take the pass and review.

(above) Casey Cox inspects his Brother Rat. Friday evening inspections are now commonplace before Friday parades.

(above) The Regimental Staff leads the Corps during the pass and review.

(left) Gen. Knapp and SGM Hokaday seem thrilled at the Corp's appearance. No need for the SGM's ominous clip-board today!!

# GUARDING THE INSTITUTE

One facet of barracks life that every cadet experiences is Guard. While some may claim it as a horrible and somewhat boring duty, it is just another break in the average cadet's routine.

The Guard Team operates 24 hours a day, providing the communication, management, and organization that the corps needs to run barracks. It has the responsibility to enforce the regulations of the Institute, relay messages to cadets, and keep barracks running as smoothly as possible.

The positions and responsibilities are divided among the classes while a company is on guard. First classmen hold the positions of Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard. The OD is ultimately in charge, and is certified to report all violations of the numerous rules of the Institute. Fortunately, he is allowed to warn men of his presence by shaking the traditional keys. The OG oversees the actions of the guard to ensure everything runs smoothly. He also accompanies the OD on numerous checks in the PX and around post.

Second classmen are either Sergeant of the Guard or Recorders. The SOG posts the sentinels, making sure they do their jobs during the day. Recorders deal with the extensive paperwork of the Institute, sending out slips enquiring a cadet's status for a formation and recording the bones of the day. This job requires hours of writing, patience, and the ability to find a member of the Honor Court to correct the many errors.

The Orderlies and the Corprals of the Relief are positions delegated to third classmen. An Orderly records phone messages on the green slips that every cadet longs for from girlfriends, loved ones, and the occasional offical. The Corprals of the Relief pulls the night shift, making sure barracks is safe from the evils that tempt the corps.

Rats make up the man-power base of the guard team, the Sentinals and Supernumeraries. The Sentinals walk the three posts in and out of barracks, keeping an ever-watchful eye on the actions that occur. Supernums constantly deliver the mass of forms, messages, and status slips to cadet rooms to ensure everyone is informed.

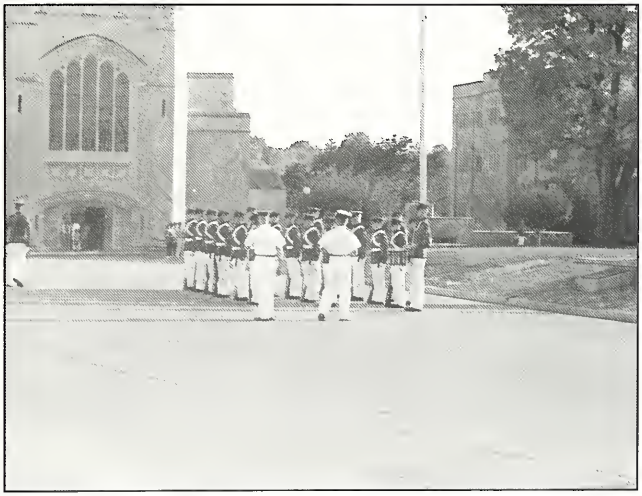
As a unit, the guard team has additional duties. Every day they raise and lower the flags and fire the evening gun. For special events such as pep rallies and sweat parties they provide the extra services and security that are neccessary to keep barracks the "healthful and pleasant abode" it is meant to be.

**Jim Delk**

(right) The O.D. grants the S.O.G. permission to post the new sentinels.

(above) Sills O'Keefe poses for a picture as O.D. The Corps can rest easy tonight!

(right) As O.G., it is Vic Tran's responsibility to inspect the "gim" ranks.



(left) Porter catches the photographer with his cover off.

(above) The incoming guard team stands ready to be inspected by the O.D.

# INTRAMURALS

Mike Chupas skillfully blows into his trumpet a melodic tune familiar to all that hear it. It is 3:35 p.m. and everyday this short musical phrase can be heard echoing from the Sally-port stair well at the exact same time. Some rise from their beds having taken a nap during their free afternoon. Others are returning from their seventh C.P. class to change uniforms. Ten minutes later all non-athlete cadets will be forming up for an event that takes place twice a week: intramurals. If there is one aspect of every (non-athlete) cadet's schedule that sets him apart from the other college students in the country, this is it.

For the first semester of the '92-'93 school year, intramurals varied widely throughout the corps. If you were an athlete, you of course went to practice your respective sport. If not, you would have to choose early in the year what exactly it was you would do for your afternoons of exercise on Mondays and Thursdays. Many of the Army cadets that were interested in a commission chose the Ranger Platoon in order to sharpen their orienteering, tactical, and leadership skills. Others - Army and non-Army cadets alike - chose some of the organized club sports such as rugby, or some of the not-so-organized sports such as frisbee football. Some cadets even offered to help as instructors for the Rats' military training. Many who just wanted to get their "military duty" over with elected to run three and a half miles for an event known as "run-for-rack."

The popularity of Intramurals varied as well. Some cadets were very happy with their Intramural. Few people ever complained about having to go to rugby practice. On the other hand, most complained about "run-for-rack" - especially the fat boys. Of course, there were the one or two people that were seriously into running, but a lot were just trying to get to the mess hall, or, as the name suggests, to their racks as soon as possible. Of the men that truly hated their afternoon of exercise, most could typically survive since dinner was strategically scheduled after Intramurals.

The second semester of the school year was quite different when it came to Intramurals. After the administration got wind of some of the terrible physical fitness test scores, they decided it was time to step in. The non-athlete cadets involved in the club sports like Rugby were allowed to keep playing, as were the men involved in military activities such as Ranger Platoon. Run-for-rack, however, received a fatal blow from the top brass. Instead, all cadets not involved in a varsity or club sport, or in a military organization would have to perform the minimums on the physical fitness test for their military duty. This turned out to be not only a good idea, it turned out to be a very unpopular one as well!

Even though some cadets disliked having to spend their afternoons doing exercise, just about all recognized the importance. One would have probably found that most men in barracks took an attitude of disdainful tolerance when it came to their military duty. It is, after all, part of the three-legged stool. Many even felt that if VMI had no Intramurals, it would turn into just another **academy** (without women)! Plus, how could VMI call itself a military school without a physical fitness program? If it were not for Intramurals, VMI would not quite be VMI, and the tailor shop would probably find itself making a number of white ducks out of bed sheets.

**(left) Rob Richie and Cameron Briody discuss their plans for the afternoon as the Rats warm up for their training.**

(left) Men on the Flag football intramural have a good time while getting some exercise

(above) Amazing but true, the rugby team loves the punishment they go through.

(left) Mark Taylor and Doug Stransky get some advice from Maj. Bryant before they form up for Ranger Platoon.

(above) The 1993-92 Rugby Team.

# RAT TRAINING

Every Monday and Thursday the rat mass faces a challenging and sometimes adventurous afternoon. While the rest of the corps spends their military duty time exercising, playing sports, or sharpening their military skills, the rat mass is subjected to the rigors of Rat Training. Rat Training is designed to help unify the mass and conquer some individual fears. It teaches them how to work together, how to work under pressure, and how to gain the trust and respect of their Brother Rats.

Repelling, zip-wires, rope bridges, and tree jumps into the Maury are just a few examples of what each rat faces at Rat Training. The "Ranger Pit," one of the more popular rat training events, gives five or six rats the chance to take out their furstrations on each other and, if they are lucky, on their cadre. The object of this exercise is to wrestle the other team out of a three foot hole. With a little water in the bottom, the "Ranger Pit" becomes a very difficult and muddy exercise.

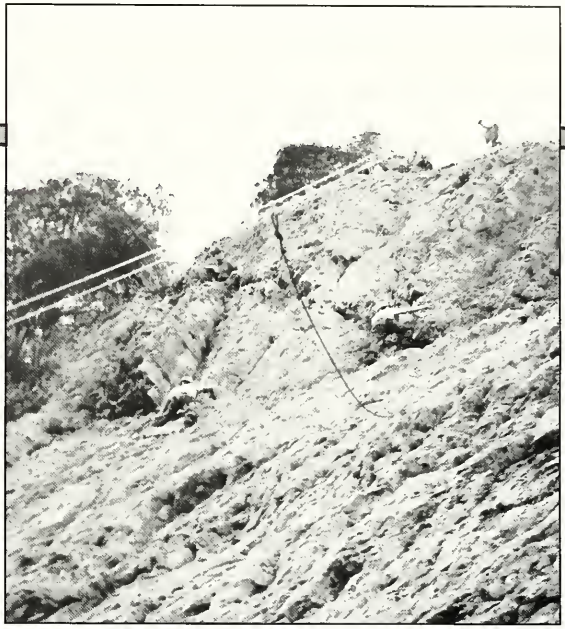
Unity is the key to all aspects of Rat Training. Nothing can be accomplished by individual effort, only teamwork can pull the rats through. In the end, the rats are more self-confident, more unified, and have strengthened their bonds of friendship and trust with their Brother Rats.

**by Kevin Boteler**

(right) Two Rats prepare to "knock-heads" as they compete with the infamous pugil-sticks.

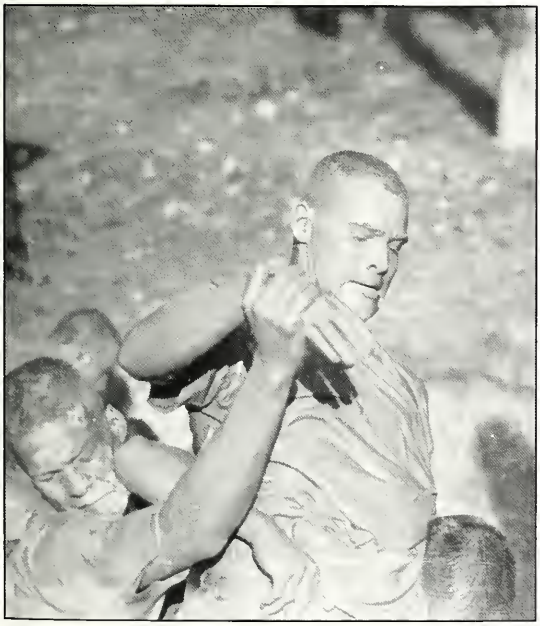
(above) This Rat commando crawls across one of the high-rope obsticles that lay in the woods behind barracks.

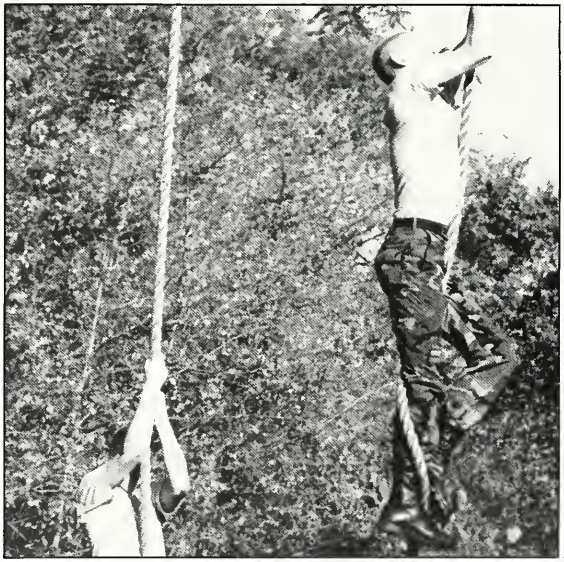
(right) The Ranger Pit tests every Rat to the limits of his strength as they struggle against being thrown out of the "pit."



(above) Rappelling is one of the training exercises which every Rat looks forward to.

(below) A Rat pulls himself up the rope at the end of the Marine obsticle course.





# RAT LIFE

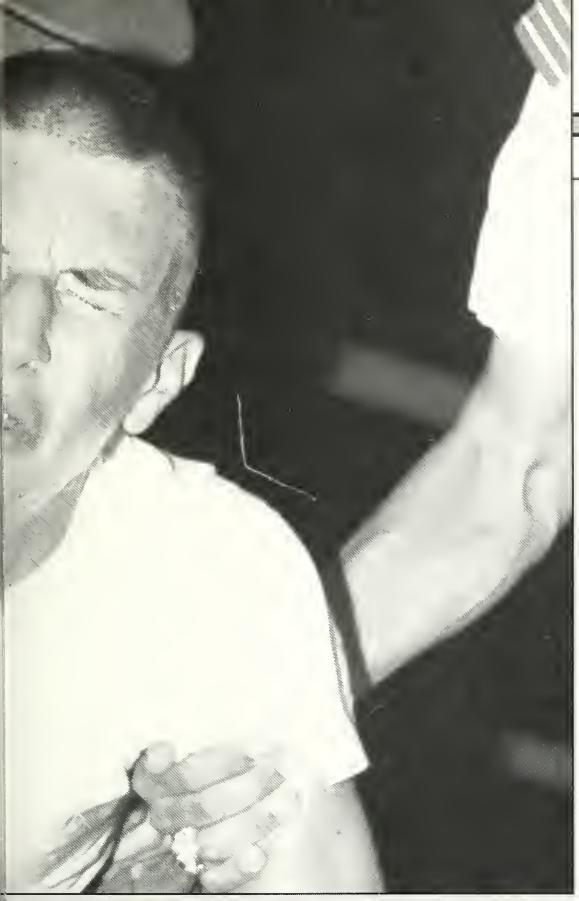
The Ratline is VMI's single hardest challenge. From the first step into Barracks to the final charge up Breakout Hill, a Rat's life is a tempest of emotion and confusion. Rats are stripped of all their pride and identity. Soon after matriculation, every Rat , with his head shaved , must strain when in barracks. Every rat is an equal. All are subject to the same harsh treatment. They are constantly tested at the experienced hands of their cadre. With only his Brother Rats and his Dyke to fall back on, each rat must endure the long and frequently painful experience of being a freshman at VMI. A rat is expected to be an example of high military bearing. His shoes and brass must be highly shined. His room has to be clean and exact in every detail. Most importantly, he must faithfully serve his Dyke. In return his Dyke becomes his father, brother, and best friend.

All in all, the words "Rat," "Ratline," and "Brother Rat" are more than just expressions, they are a way of life for VMI's first year cadets. Nowhere else can one find a system with the ability to mold a group of young boys into not only men, but VMI men.

**by Stuart Mallory**

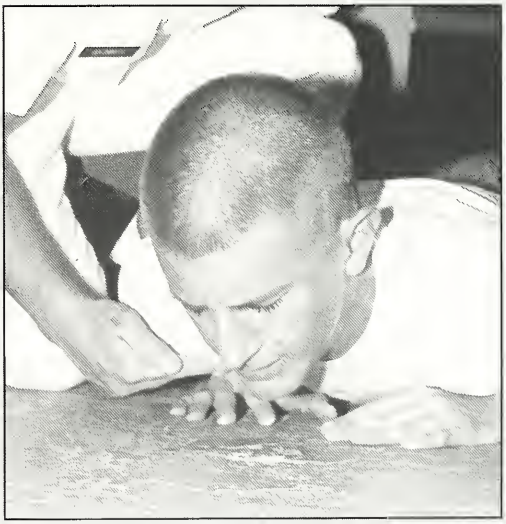
(right) Upperclassmen help a Rat do his last push-up. This is just one of a number of techniques used to instruct Rats on what "putting out" is all about."

(above) For some, VMI's system is too much. However, the system is not brutal. If or when aRat "breaks," he is dealt with in a humane and compassionate manner.



(above) With chin and elbows pinned in and shoulders pinned back, Rat Gorman "strains" through barracks as he makes his way down to a workout.

(below) A Second Classman pushes a Rat to his physical and mental limits using "delta" style push-ups.



(left) Third Classmen show this unlucky Rat that a mental challenge does not always involve books!!

# PEOPLE

## MARKING TIME

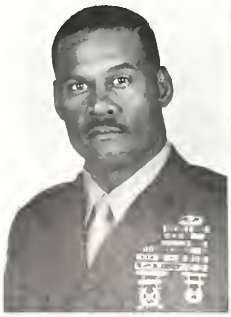
(below) Hans Sylvester and staff observe the progress of Cadre Week.

(above) Gen. Knapp and Col. Bissel appear quite satisfied with this Friday's parade.

# Chain of Command

**Governor L. Douglas Wilder**
**Commander-in-Chief**

**Maj. General John W. Knapp**
**Superintendent**



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SGM Corps of Cadets

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Head of Leadership Dept.

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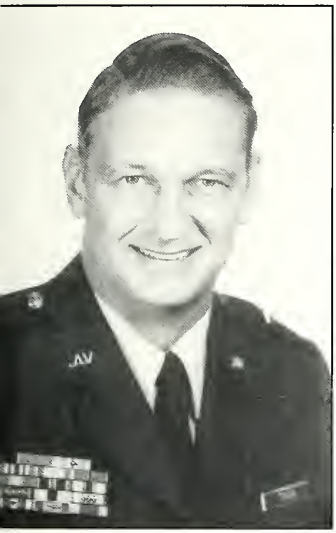

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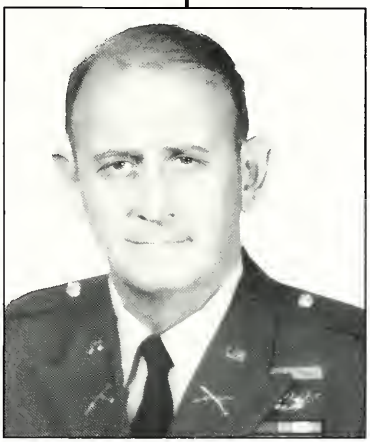

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Commandant

ol. Ronald W. Williams
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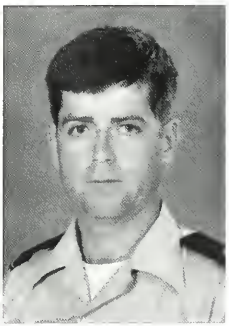

Maj. John A. Brodie
Band Director

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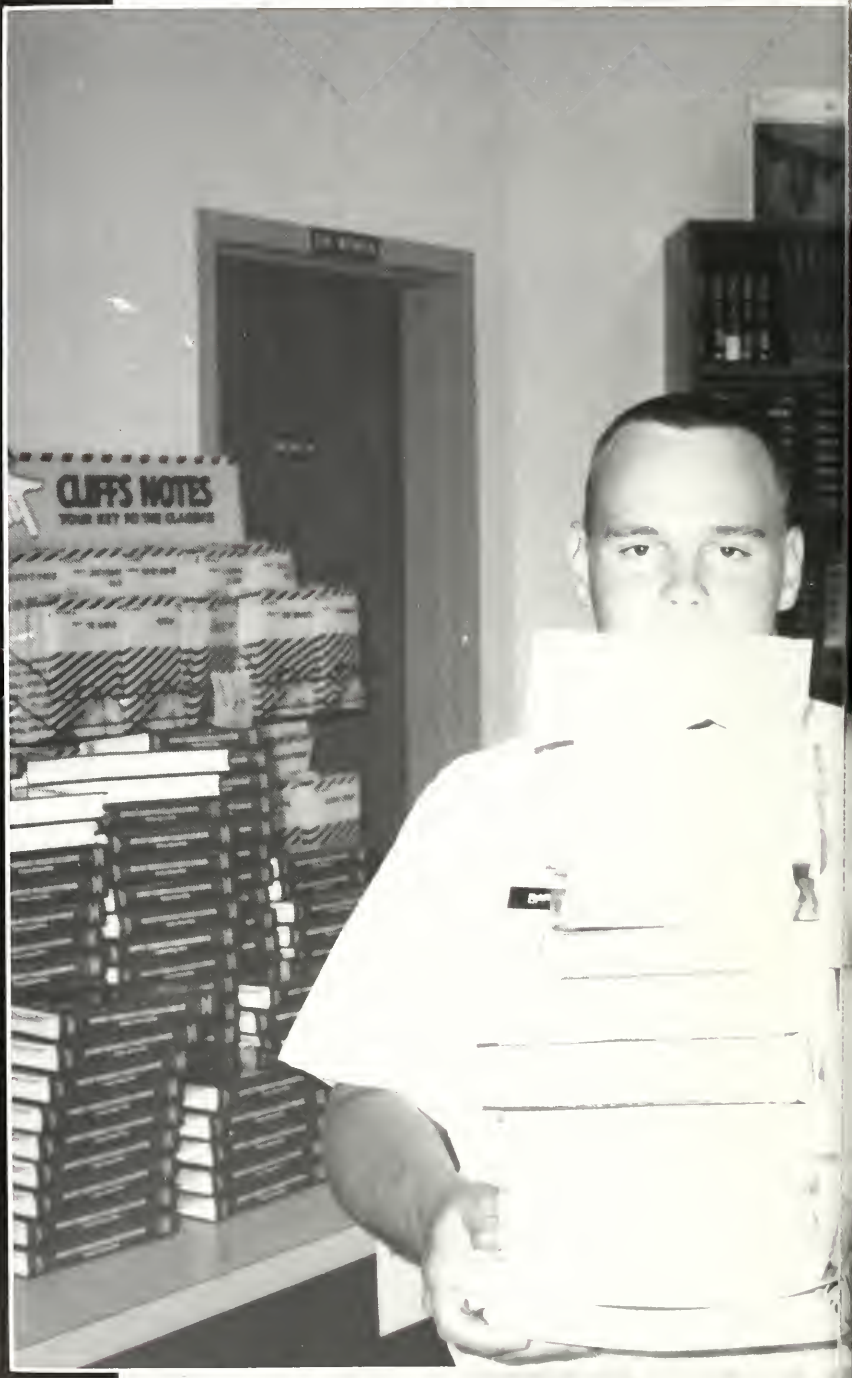
# ACADEMIA

## MARKING TIME



(above) Every cadet's worst nightmare: the "spell-check" function on the word processor dies.

(below) For many of us, a mixer takes precedence over studying for an up-coming test.

# NELL COOKE BYERS

(1957-1992)

Those of us in the VMI community who knew and admired Nell Byers were deeply saddened by her death in December, barely three weeks before her thirty-fifth birthday. Death in youth is always poignant, but somehow we found particularly moving the death of this young woman who "wore the sunlight for awhile." We were moved, first of all, by our recollections - cruelly fresh and vivid because she died so suddenly and so young - of the woman herself: brisk, purposeful, unfailingly cheerful, always considerate, and, to all appearances, richly fulfilled in her life as an artist and a teacher. We were, moreover, moved by the example of her courage. From early childhood she struggled daily to live with the symptoms of the terrible disease that ultimately killed her, yet such was her stoicism and good nature that many were unaware that she was ill. Finally, those of us who studied drawing and painting with her in Scott Shipp Hall were moved by our memories of the skill and patience with which, in gently guiding our hands as we shaded the form of a pear or altered the contour of an arm she taught us not merely to look at things but to see them. If we had some talent she found it and drew it out; if we had little or none, she graciously allowed us to discover that for ourselves. Either way, like all good teachers she helped us to know ourselves better.

We shall miss her greatly, for

In all that becomes a woman
Her words and her ways were beautiful...

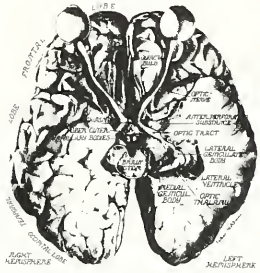
**Dr. Abatan**
**Maj. Adams**
**Mr. Alrutz**
**Maj. Arthur**
**Mr. Ayer**

**Dr. G. Balaz**
**Dr. M. Balaz**
**Lt. Col. Ball**
**Lt. Col. Baragona**
**Col. Barr**

**Lt. Col. Barron**
**Maj. Baur**
**Mr. Berry**
**Maj. Brodie**
**Maj. Bryant**

# BIOLOGY SUMMER RESEARCH

Recently the biology department initiated a summer research program in order to give a small group of rising first and second classmen the opportunity to experience the research aspect of biology first-hand. This past summer, I, along with cadets Mike Richardson, Martin Russel, John Trihn, and Wayne Lambert, participated in this program. The program lasted for eight weeks, four of which were spent at VMI and the remaining four at the Bowman-Grey Medical School at Wake Forest.




Under the tutelage of Col. Fred Swope, head of biology at VMI, and Dr. James Turner, one of the world's leading eye researchers, we had the opportunity to use state-of-the-art techniques to research several areas of biological interest, with the primary focus of our work dedicated to the eye. As our interest in the program intensified, we started to broaden our research goals and soon each of us had individual projects. These projects were unique in that they were in little, or never before, researched areas of science. During our study we managed to make several important observations which we had hoped to have published in a scientific journal when we returned to VMI for the next school year. Unfortunately, time constraints and heavy work loads did not allow for this.

The summer research program is a very unique opportunity for VMI cadets that cannot be found at any other school. The knowledge and experience that the program offers is invaluable to any student who one day hopes to go into research or into the medical profession. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Col. Swope and Dr. Turner, without whom the program would not have been possible, and for instilling in us the desire to further our knowledge.

**by John Craft**

**Lt. Col. Cairns**
**Col. Calkins**
**Col. Carlsson**
**Maj. Cerkey**
**Maj. Chase**

**Mr. Christiansen**
**Col. Claiborn**
**Lt. Col. Coale**
**Mr. Coffey**
**Lt. Col. Crawford**

**Mrs. Crockett**
**Col. Daley**
**Col. Deal**
**Mrs. Deyo**
**Maj. Duggan**

# PAT TOMPSON STUDIES IN ENGLAND

During the spring semester '92 I was afforded the opportunity to travel to England in a student exchange program with the Royal Military College of Science. Having been sheltered all my life by the geographical confines of our country I left the U.S. with the hopeful and curious anxiousness of any new world traveller. It was no surprise to me that I had difficulty understanding the delightfully fresh English accent when I first arrived as well as adapting to a different culture. I found the English to be much more proper than Americans in all walks of life. The people I was associated with, mainly British officers and their families, took much pride in their "refined" culture and yet seemed to yearn for American rebelliousness and diversity.

In my six month visit I did everything possible to experience the English way of life as well as continue my engineering studies. I especially enjoyed the sociable cus-

tom of 'pub crawls.' Another bit of English culture I was introduced to was the sport of Rugby. I was fortunate to join the Rugby team at the college early on and I found this to be a most rewarding decision. I met many new people and mad some lasting friendships. In fact, have hosted eight of these friends a my home here in Virginia. Th Rugby club also allowed me to trave to Cypress for two weeks on a Rugb tour. I experienced some of th Greek and Turkish cultures on thi Mediterranean island and I als briefly mingled with some Finnis and Swedish tourists.

Overall, my journey over sea proved to be very enlightening an very exciting. Though I had t leave our 'beloved' Institute for semester, I shall never regret jump ing on the plane to the U.K. I can conclude this brief retrospectiv without giving my sincere gratitud to Col. Davis and Capt. Sexton an all those who helped me make th adventure possible.

**Col. Dupy**
**Mrs. Ennis**
**Capt. Erchul**
**Capt. Friend**
**Lt. Garvey**

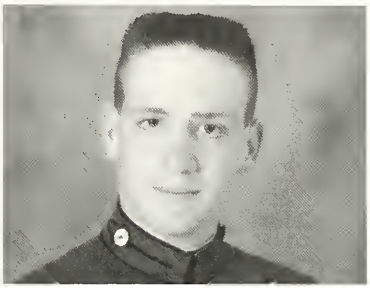
**Col. Gentry**
**Maj. Gius**
**Col. Goller**
**SGM Goodson**
**Lt. Col. Gordon**

**Col. Groves**
**SFC Habern**
**Lt. Hall**
**Col. Hays**
**Lt. Hlavin**

# PHIL GRANT STUDIES IN SCOTLAND

As I stepped off the plane in London, I realized that I was no longer in the sheltered environment of VMI. I was on my own; half the way around the world from my home, my friends, my school, and my security. It is quite a humbling experience to be in a place you have no knowledge of and although they do speak English, you still have to have them say everything twice so you can understand their dialect or accent.

Edinburgh was a great time, and the schoolwork began to enter into play. To relieve all the tension there was the pub Marc Shroeder and I found called the World's End. The bartender was an avid Redskins fan and knew more about the developing football season than we did. After I forgave him for his obviously twisted team preference and we rapped about football for awhile, it came to be that we would walk in the pub and two lagers would be waiting for us when we pulled up



the stools. Friendly atmosphere and good beer, some called it heaven. I didn't argue with them.

The academic atmosphere was the most enjoyable I have encountered in my lifetime. It was a far cry from the hard work/low grade system we all experience here at VMI. It took effort, but the grades were fair.

It didn't take long to appreciate the beauty of Scotland. The cold grey days would sometimes disappear, and the sun would shine on Arthur's seat, a huge rock mountain directly outside my kitchen window. The green of the highlands was usually hidden by fog and rain, but on the rare day that the sun was out, God shone his glorious face through the landscape and the green.

When the day came to leave, I was ready to get back to my family and my fajitas in Texas. However, some days I get a whiff of freshly cut grass or a new morning's rain, and the call of Scotland makes my heart yearn for the Highlands.

**Lt. Col. Hodges**
**Maj. Htay**
**Capt. Hughs**
**Dr. James**
**Col. Jamison**

**Lt. Col. Johnson**
**Dr. Joyce**
**Col. Joyner**
**Col. Koeniger**
**QMCS Koonce**

**Col. Koons**
**Dr. Lau**
**Lt. Col. Leland**
**Dr. Leva**
**Col. Lominac**

# VMI Cadets Explore New Information Resources

During the spring semester of 1993, cadets Zane Stokes '93 and Dan Turner '94 made use of a data base - new to VMI - to study Dante's influence on other authors. Stokes studied the relationship between Dante and Milton, while Turner studied the relationship between Dante and Byron. Both started off with only a limited background in Dante and a great deal of experience with the other author. With the help of Col. Gentry and LTC Baragona, both cadets slowly and carefully read through and discussed Dante's Inferno.

Using a database called The Dartmouth Dante Project, both cadets were able to compare their own opinions and interpretations of Dante's work to critics that were published as far back as 1324. Done on a line-by-line basis, the translations of commentaries originally written in Latin, Italian, German and French were also available. This particular data base is part of a series of data bases available on VMI's computer network. Besides allowing users to see other points of view, the data base also allows users to see different aspects of each line of Dante's work. One line, for example may have different commentaries on moral, political, and psychological issues.

In general, the Dartmouth Dante Project provides the user with an extremely large amour of information without requirin him to run all over a library collecting large numbers c bulky periodicals that, if h is lucky, might provid information he can use. With re spect to VMI, Stokes and Turne are pioneers in the use of this sys tem. Most likely the use of suc data bases will eventually be mo the norm than the exception. Upo completing their program, bot cadets submitted papers on the findings. Cadet Turner plans t continue with the Dartmouth pr gram in the spring of 199 studying Dante's Pergitori and Paridisio. Cadet Stokes gra uates in May of 1993.

**Col. Lowe**
**Col. Ludt**
**Lt. Col. Magee**
**Capt. Manning**
**Capt. McClary**

**S.Sgt. McCollum**
**Maj. McDonald**
**Maj McGuire**
**Mrs. Meers**
**Col. Minnix**

**Maj. Mixon**
**Col. Morgan**
**Col. Monsour**
**Capt. Moore**
**Maj. Momot**

# VMI's Dedicated Museum Director

Lieutenant Colonel Keith ibson has been a significant part recording the VMI experience as ur Executive Director of Museum rograms. His love for VMI and its istory started as a Keydet. As a ivil Engineering Major, he neaked to the halls of Scott Ship or History and English electives henever he could. After trying e Navy for a while, he heard the all of the Institute which had a rant for an entry level position. TC Gibson's museum work made im a natural choice. He accepted e position as he waited for a "real b." Coming back made him real- e that he didn't want to leave what truly loved. Inspired, his path d him to Graduate School and egrees in Early American History nd Museum Studies. He honed his skills for the next three years doing invaluable museum work in the Mid-West. He then worked diligently on Military History for the state supported New Mexico Military Institute.

When VMI called again in 1986 he was more than willing to take on the challenge of being the overall administrator for the combined staffs of the New Market Museum and the post facilities. He was also tasked with assisting the Architects who have been working on the creation of a new and improved museum. The entire museum concept is based upon the donations of the alumni, their families, and those who know of the museum's reputation. The collection revolves around the lore of VMI and the legends that it has produced.

LTC. Gibson looks forward to a new six million dollar museum facility for which he will have traveling exhibits come to VMI. Such displays will enrich the VMI experience for cadets and the one hundred thousand visitors who collectively journey to the Museums each year.

LTC Gibson has become a key figure in giving the Corps an understanding of the timeless tales of the cadet. By coordinating events like the yearly Rat orientation of The Battle of New Market, he has helped us put our experiences into context as we look to the challenges that make VMI. Most importantly, he has shown us the intangible quality that has preceded us all.

**Maj. Mullen**
**Lt. Col. Neel**
**Maj. O'Connor**
**Lt. Col. Page**
**Maj. Papp**

**Col. Peters**
**Col. Pharr**
**Col. Piegari**
**Col. Ponce**
**Lt. Col. Reclam**

**SFC Reed**
**GYSGT Reed**
**Capt. Reid**
**Col. Riethmiller**
**SKC Rivera**

# MILITARY EDUCATION AFTER VMI

Many cadets look forward to graduating not only to escape a Spartan existence, but also to finally reach the end of a gruelling academic process. For those graduates that are selected to go into the military, this academic process may not be quite over. All newly commissioned Second Lieutenants / Ensigns must, in most cases, go through some type of officer's basic course. For many, utter shock is the reaction to the intensity of these courses.

Mike Wallace 93' who received his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy this past May was one of these many VMI alumni who received this shock. He was quite surprised at the difficulty of his Surface Warfare Division Officer's Course in Providence, Rhode Island. This four month long course covers four areas in surface warfare: engineering, weapons systems, shipboard management, and navigation. After this, each Ensign specializes in one of these four basic areas.

As luck would have it, Mike, who studied International Studies at VMI, was placed in the engineering program. During this specialization phase of the course, Mike spent over eight hours a day listening to lectures. After his classes he would generally spend a couple more hours studying what he had just gone over. Twice a week the monotony would be broken with a lab in a mock engine room.

Mike feels that Surface Warfare School has been, in a sense, much more intense academically than VMI ever was. He believes what was generally difficult about academics at VMI was comprehending the material. At Surface Warfare School most everything i easy to understand, there is jus much more to absorb than wha was required of him at the Insti tute.

Mike has mixed feeling about his Navy experience so fa He doesn't really like all the lectu ing and memorizing that is re quired, but does like the practica parts of his training. Of course, h really has no idea how he will lik his job until he actually starts do ing it. He does not expect to eve sing "You've Lost That Lovin Feeling" to Kelly Magillis, but he looking forward to his first assig ment. Mike admits the Navy ha been much harder than what h had ever expected. When asked he had any advice for up-and-com ing Ensigns, his reply was one wor "Study."

**Lt Col. Rowe**
**Col. Sadler**
**Col. Sauder**
**Maj. Schneiter**
**Col. Schneiter**

**Col. Schriber**
**Lt. Col. Scott**
**Maj. Sexton**
**Capt. Sexton**
**Capt. Shutt**

**Maj. Sienerth**
**Col. Skutt**
**Capt. Stenburgh**
**Maj. Stevens**
**Col. Stockwell**

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# GLASS CHEMISTRY RESEARCH

While many cadets have been spending their summers doing jobs like life guarding or attending various camps for the military, Brian Kochanowski 94' has been spading his summers doing research. For the past two years now Brian has worked full-time for Col. Henry D. Schreiber in the Center for Glass Chemistry. Besides getting a paycheck, Kochanowski has also received a great deal of experience that most undergraduates could never get. In most colleges and Universities, research at the level he is doing is offered only to graduate students. Even the few colleges that do offer research opportunities to undergraduates offer it only to students between their junior and senior years. At VMI, a cadet can get into the glass chemistry program after his rat year.

During the summer of 93', Kochanowski did work on two research papers. One, which was co-authored with Col. Schreiber, will appear in a fall issue of *The Journal of Crystalline Solids*. Another one of his papers will appear in the *VMI Undergraduate Research Review*. Kochanowski also has the opportunity to present his papers at national research seminars. The beauty of this program is, of course, the hands-on experience. Textbooks provide students with experiments that have pre-determined projects. The students are doing experiments that have already been done - not very interesting. Research experiments, on the other hand, involve methods and results no one has ever done or seen.

Col. Schreiber, who has been doing Glass Chemistry research since he arrived at VMI in 1976, says that most students who do research with him end up staying in the scientific arena. Several go into graduate school. Others choose to become industrial chemists. Even the ones that choose the military typically end up doing work in a science-related field. Before Kochanowski got into the glass chemistry program, he had his sights set on the military. Now that he has gained some research experience, he is more interested in sticking with chemistry, doing forensic analysis with the FBI.

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**Col. Stotz**
**Lt Col. Stumpff**
**Maj. Sunnen**
**Col. Swope**
**Lt. Snyder**

**Col. Thompson**
**S.SGT Thorton**
**Capt. Spenik**
**Col. Tierney**
**Col. Trandel**

**Capt. Turner**
**Col. Weing**
**Mrs. Wells**
**Col. Wetmore**
**Lt. White**

**YNC White**
**Dr. Williams**
**Maj. Wilson**
**Col. Wingfield**
**Col. Zdinak**

# REGIMENTAL STAFF

Hans Sylvester
Regimental Exec. Officer

Thomas Carlsen
Regimental Commander

Rhett Cox
Regimental S-1

Bradley Nadig
Regimental S-2

Eric Avila
Regimental S-3

George Brooke
Regimental S-1 SGT

Michael Grose
Regimental S-2 SGT

Patrick Peschka
Regimental S-3 SGT

The Regimental Staff of the class of 1993 got off to a great start through the actions of our Rat Battalion Commander, Hans Sylvester. His Cadre was professional, effective, and hard. It was by far the smoothest running Cadre VMI has seen in a long time. As the Regimental Executive Officer, he left nothing to be desired; I could not have asked for a better man. On top of it all, he is Norwegian, a priceless quality!

Rhett Cox did an excellent job juggling two major roles as RDC President and Regimental Adjutant. Both jobs carry a great deal of responsibility and both have experienced a tremendously positive influence through his leadership. I'll always remember Rhett as one I can count on in the heat of the moment.

Bradley Nadig as S-2 was blessed with the responsibility of monitoring rat grades. I cannot think of a more frustrating and non-rewarding task. However, he confronted it head on and has done a fine job.

David Stokes picked up the job of S-3 at a moments notice (that was all we gave him). He not only worked the quirks out of our parades and military operations, but he has made them perform as efficiently as a German train! His organization and perfectionist attitude are two characteristics I'll never forget.

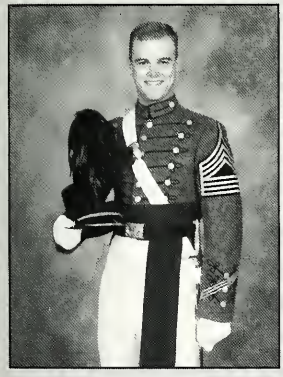
John Myer filled the S-4 position and has been the catalyst for much of the Regimental Staff's success. He is a valuable asset to us. The time and effort John has put into his position have made wonderful contributions to efficient maintenance of the Corps.

Todd Hammond met his challenges as the Public Relations Captain. From admissions and pre-strain weekends to handling reporters following up issues in "the court case." Let it be known that Todd said what needed to be said.

Mark Nadig has served us well in keeping effective communications between the athletic sector of VMI and the Regimental System. Corps unity depends a lot on whether or not the intercollegate and intracollegate athletes feel as one. To say the least Mark was an effective liaison.

I am very pleased with the performance of the Regimental Staff. They have all made my job a great deal easier. I am honored to be in charge of such a responsible group of men. Although we were the ranking cadets in barracks, it was our primary concern to be considered members of the Class of 1993, nothing more, nothing less!

Thomas Carlsen
Regimental Commander



**John Myer**
**Regimental S-4**

**Todd Hammond**
**Regimental S-5**

**Mark Nadig**
**Regimental S-6**

**Brad Rees**
**Regimental S-4 SGT**

**Dale Hybl**
**Regimental S-5 SGT**

**Christian Badger**
**Regimental S-6 SGT**

# COLOR GUARD

Jon Lauder
Regimental SGM

Christopher Myers
Color SGT

Timothy O'Boyle
Color SGT

Vinston Porter
Color SGT

Michael Reymann
Color SGT

Brad Yeatts
Color SGT

Sang Yoo
Color SGT

Kevin Hershberger
Rifle Bearer

Andrew Johnson
Rifle Bearer

# 1ST BATTALION STAFF

**Brian Cox**
**Commander**

**Fredrick Aldridge**
**Exec. Officer**

**Adam Perin**
**Battalion S-1**

**Thomas Nelson**
**Battalion S-2**

**Jon Pardew**
**Battalion S-3**

**Blake Svendsen**
**Battalion S-4**

**Timothy Ervin**
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**Jonathan Penn**
**Battalion S-6**

**Jason Doering**
**Battalion SGM**

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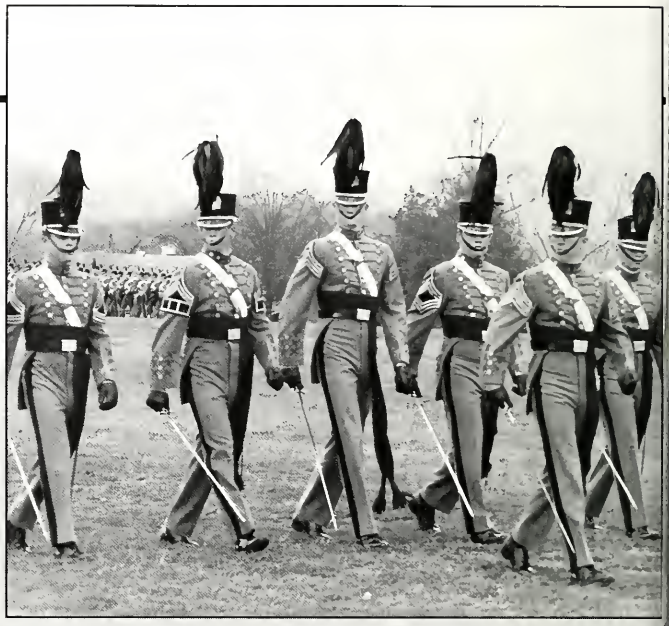

**Robert Peterson**
**Commander**

**David Hoy**
**Exec. Officer**

**David Stokes**
**Battalion S-1**

**Charles Hardenbergh**
**Battalion S-2**

**Jason Denham**
**Battalion S-3**

**Louis Petrillo**
**Battalion S-4**

**Tucker Worsham**
**Battalion S-5**

**Steven Allison**
**Battalion S-6**

**Stuart Copenhaver**
**Batallion SGM**

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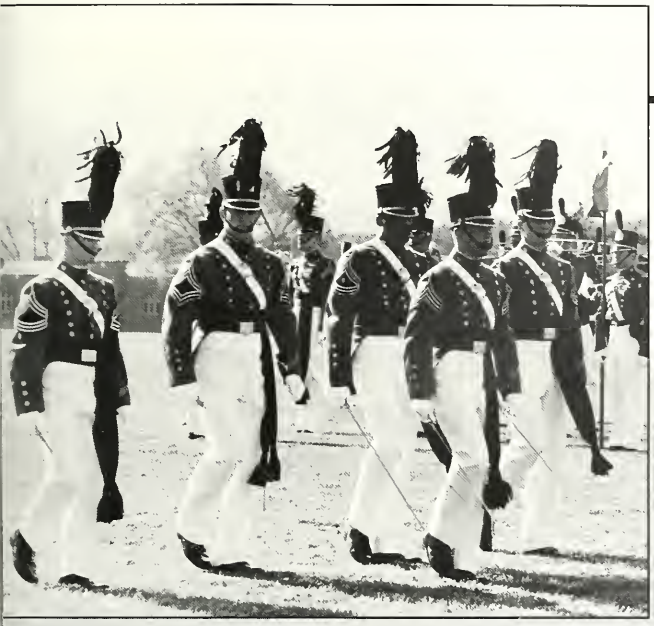

**Deacon Maddox**
**Commander**

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**Craig Chwojdak**
**Exec. Officer**

**Chris Martin**
**Battalion S-1**

**Troy Spencer**
**Battalion S-2**

**John Casarotti**
**Battalion S-3**

**John Barefoot**
**Battalion S-4**

**Michael Gorman**
**Battalion S-5**

**Juan Banks**
**Battalion S-6**

**Daniel Felty**
**Battalion SGM**

# ALPHA COMPANY

**Gerald Bingeman**
**Company Commander**

Alpha Company has changed in my cadetship from Company Commander to Company Commander. Some have been good, some not so good. The main priority is the men of the company and their views pertaining to it. Alpha Company runs Alpha Company, the Company Commander merely holds the honor of representing them.

I am overwhelmed with pride and honor, having led the "Hard Core" into endless battles on the parade ground. The Company's goal for the rats was the same goal expected by VMI...perfection. A goal which served its purpose throughout the beginning stages of producing a VMI man, the Rat Line.

The success of Alpha Company would have been impossible to attain without the support of my Lieutenants and NCOs. Above all, Jim Romaz, my XO, deserves special recognition. His leadership abilities and dedication to the company has overcome the obstacles of my many unforeseen obligations. I could not have chosen a better man for the job.

A successful year comes to an end. A year which will remain with us for the rest of our lives. Best wishes to the future "Hard Core." And always remember that you may be whatever you resolve to be.

- Gerald F. Bingeman Jr.
Alpha Company Co.

**Jim Romaz**
**Executive Officer**

**Marcus Harring**
**Lieutenant**

**Matthew Hertl**
**Lieutenant**

**David Lehmkuhl**
**Lieutenant**

**Jason Ensminger**
**First Sergeant**

**Matthew MacNeilly**
**Master Sergeant**

**Adam Strickland**
**Operations Sergeant**

**Anthony Hatzis**
**Guidon**

# Mighty Alpha

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· · TO · VINDICATE · HER · HONOR · OR · DEFEND · HER · RIGHTS · · ·
COL J · T · L · PRESTON

# BRAVO COMPANY

**Mac Crumrine**
**Company Commander**

Bravo Company, one of the original companies on the "hill," is a proud, unified organization. This is due to the high caliber of men who form this unit. From the marine-option "ranker" to the First Class "special student" private, Bravo is represented by men striving to do their best. There will never be a doubt in my mind as to wether or not any member of this company is "putting-out" to perform his job.

Personally, I would like to thank every member of the company for their outstanding effort and patience throughout the year. For my Brother Rats, good luck in all of your endeavors. To those of you who still have time to serve at VMI, represent Bravo well.

Mac Crumrine
Bravo Company Co.

**Paul Akerman**
**Executive Officer**

**Christopher Kemper**
**Lieutenant**

**Christopher Reid**
**Lieutenant**

**Gregory Vinci**
**Lieutenant**

**James Kelly**
**First Sergeant**

**Matthew Fedowitz**
**Master Sergeant**

**Timothy Bailey**
**Operations Sergeant**

**Cresten Long**
**Guidon**

# Ball Bustin' Bravo

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COL J · T · I · PRESTON

# CHARLIE COMPANY

**Brad Briller**
**Company Commander**

"Cold Steel" Charlie has a unique personality that no other company on the hill can match. Known as "Cool Breeze" or "Cold Beer" by ourselves as well as by other companies, Charlie company has a reputation we are all proud of. This is because we can "Cool Breeze" while coming through when duty calls for old "Cold Steel".

We know what is important and this has shown through since the days of room 439. From academics and athletics, to the military and mixers, Charlie always gets the most out of every aspect of VMI.

For those of us in the class of 1993, it is time for our daily lives at VMI to become just memories. Memories to be relived while we're smokin' and jokin' at reunions and "Cold Beer" tailgates.

-Mark Cumashot
Charlie Company XO

**Mark Cumashot**
**Executive Officer**

**Jose Deverona**
**Lieutenant**

**Jim Camp**
**Lieutenant**

**Viet Tran**
**Lieutenant**

**Charles West**
**First Sergeant**

**James Motley**
**Master Sergeant**

**Christopher Gros**
**Operations Sergeant**

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**Guidon**

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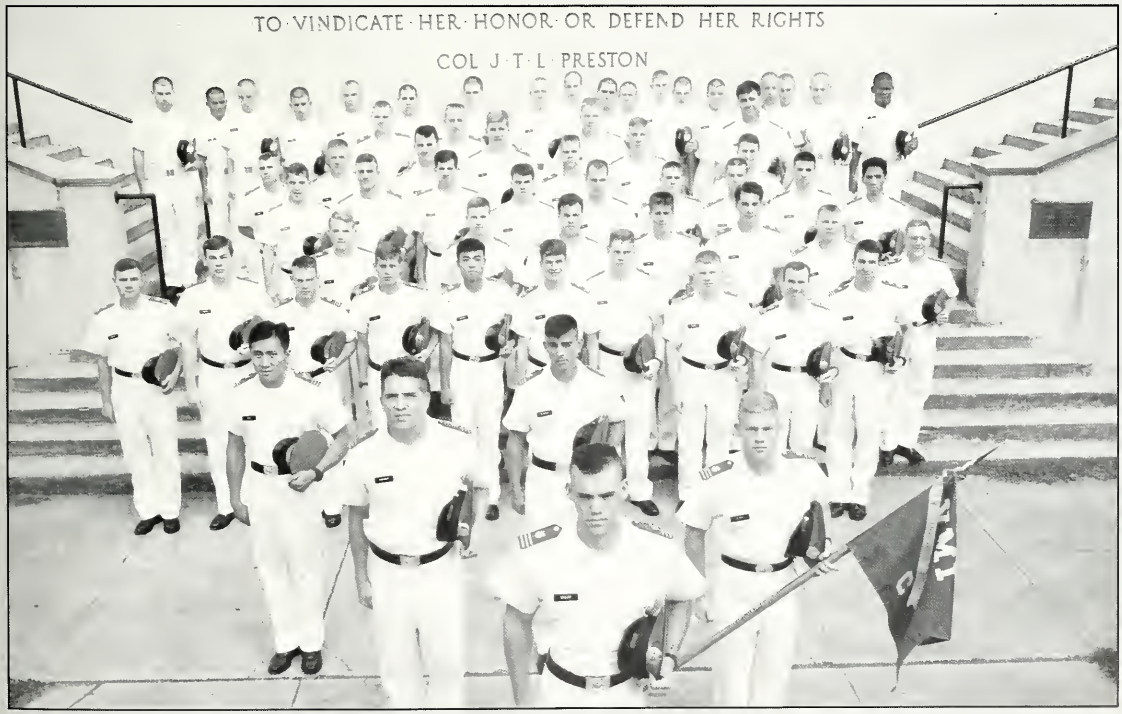
# Cold Steel Charlie



# DELTA COMPANY

**Eric Eversole**
**Company Commander**

Delta Company has come a long way in the past few years. We have definitlely seen a wide variety of Company Commanders. One thing is for sure though, the Company Commander does not make or break the company. The privates do. Without their cooperation, Delta Company would not be what it is today.

I would like to thank All of my Lieutenants and NCO's for all their help this year. Special thanks goes to Dan Crawford, my XO, and the rest of the Cadre. All of you have done an excellent job training the rats and showing them the traditions within Delta Company.

Delta Company may not be the most "strack" company on the hill, but I challenge you to find a company on the hill whose men are as close as we are. I am very proud and honored to be the Delta Company Commander. In my eyes, Delta Company is the best company on the hill and it is because of its members. I thank everyone for their help and cooperation this year. One reminder to the First Classmen, "Blood feeds the war machine, as it eats its way across the land. We are ready to kill all comers, no remorse is our one command, war without an end, MAD DOG DELTA!"

Good Luck,
-Eric Eversole
Delta Company Co.

**Daniel Crawford**
**Executive Officer**

**Adam Galton**
**Lieutenant**

**Dallas Grubbs**
**Lieutenant**

**Benjamin Lilly**
**Lieutenant**

**Sean Goldsmith**
**First Sergeant**

**John Vazquez**
**Master Sergeant**

**Daniel Price**
**Operations Sergeant**

**Robert Hutchens**
**Guidon**

# Mad Dog Delta

# ECHO COMPANY

**Nathan Grey**
**Company Commander**

Since its birth in 1910, Echo Company has produced an unprecedented amount of leadership in the Corps and many of the finest men to ever walk within the four walls of the Institute. Bound together through trial and tribulation these men forged the dedication, excellence, and tenacious spirit which has made "Tiger" Echo what it is today.

There, of course, have been and will continue to be obstacles along the path to success but we will continue to overcome and eventually prevail victorious. I believe that we have taken the first step and wish to further our progress with the following words:

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horrors of the shade
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid
...I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul
(Inivictus, W.E. Henley)

-Nathen A. Grey
E. Co. Commander

**Jon Cederquist**
**Executive Officer**

**Joseph Moxley**
**Lieutenant**

**Kevin Barnes**
**Lieutenant**

**Neil Obson**
**Lieutenant**

**Ryan Croley**
**First Sergeant**

**Glenn Light**
**Master Sergeant**

**Martin Dunn**
**Operations Sergeant**

**William Brown**
**Guidon**

# Tiger Echo

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# FOXTROT COMPANY

**Mark Wetherill**
**Comapny Commander**

F-Troop is much more than just a rife company. F-Troop is a fraternity, a brotherhood of men who adhere to a rare, high level of loyalty and unity. All F-Troopers undergo in their own unique way, the normal military training that VMI requires. However, starting as Rats, the new aspiring F-Troopers learn that being in Foxtrot company means more that just being militarily proficient. Today's F-Troopers live by the same traditions established by a long legacy of previous F-Troop men. The traditions that make our company the most unique company at VMI are based around our tight Brotherhood and our laid back attitude. In F-Troop, we are proud of being unique. The term "F-Troop" may not be an official, U.S. Military term, but at VMI, the tradition of F-Troop is as strong and viable as VMI itself.

I now pass on the reigns of this great company to my younger F-Troop brothers. Keep the Faith, and good luck amigos.

Long Live F-Troop!

-Mark T. Wetherill
Foxtrot Company Co.

**Matt Gill**
**Executive Officer**

**Edward Cox**
**Lieutenant**

**William Currie**
**Lieutenant**

**Todd Radford**
**Lieutenant**

**Geof Voorhees**
**First Sergeant**

**Nathan Rush**
**Master Sergeant**

**Chris Wilson**
**Operations Sergeant**

**Kevin Smith**
**Guidon**

# F Troop

YOVTHS PRESSING VP THE HILL OF SCIENCE : WITH NOBLE EMVLATION
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# GOLF COMPANY

**Richard Barnes**
**Company Commander**

Every individual makes up a little part of the whole company. Without the cooperation of everyone a company has no character or honor.

The First Classmen set the pace, because if the First Classmen are motivated they will force everyone else to do the same. The Seconds are trying to adapt to the mold that the First Class has set. The Thirds still feel they have done enough for the company when they were rats, and the Rats just do as they are told.

I'd like to thank everyone for making Golf Company a strong contender for Garnett Andrews. Also, I'd like to thank my XO , Tom Ripley, and the Lieutenants(Brian, Scott, and Ed) for their time and patience, the NCO's (Kevin, Dustin, and Clay) did a fine job to help keep the company in line, and the corporals for helping to keep their BR's in line. Rats! Congratulations--Discipline, Pain, Pride.

For those of you who are not graduating continue to hold your personal honor above everything else because it reflects the whole company. To the graduating Firsts, I wish you well in all of your endeavors. As for Tom, Bill, and I-- Semper Fidelis.

- Richard S. Barnes
Golf Company Co.

**Thomas Ripley**
**Executive Officer**

**Brian Canaday**
**Lieutenant**

**Scott Davis**
**Lieutenant**

**Edward Kerns**
**Lieutenant**

**Kevin Warfield**
**First Sergeant**

**Dustin Devore**
**Master Sergeant**

**Clay Mountcastle**
**Operations Sergeant**

**William Butler**
**Guidon**

# Blood And Guts Golf

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COL J T L PRESTON

# HOTEL COMPANY

**Micheal Wysong**
**Company Commander**

Where in the world does time go? That you are reading this means that another academic year has ended at VMI. For some, this means the final lap has been completed in the race towards graduation. For others it means having obtained the circle of gold that signifies inclusion into a group of young men destined to join the ranks of those who have gone before. For others, it means many things, not the least of which is the opportunity to exercise a little authority and to enjoy a few privledges here-to-fore not available. As for the rats... What can I say... until next year?

I hope everyone's summer is a pleasant one and that this coming year is one in which you will realize many, if not all, of your goals and aspirations. Enjoy your time and thank you for the honor bestowed to me in being your Company Commander.

- Mike Wysong
Hotel Company Co.

**Daniel Hill**
**Executive Officer**

**Yu-Cheng Huang**
**Lieutenant**

**Matthew Labell**
**Lieutenant**

**Nicholas Martinson**
**Lieutenant**

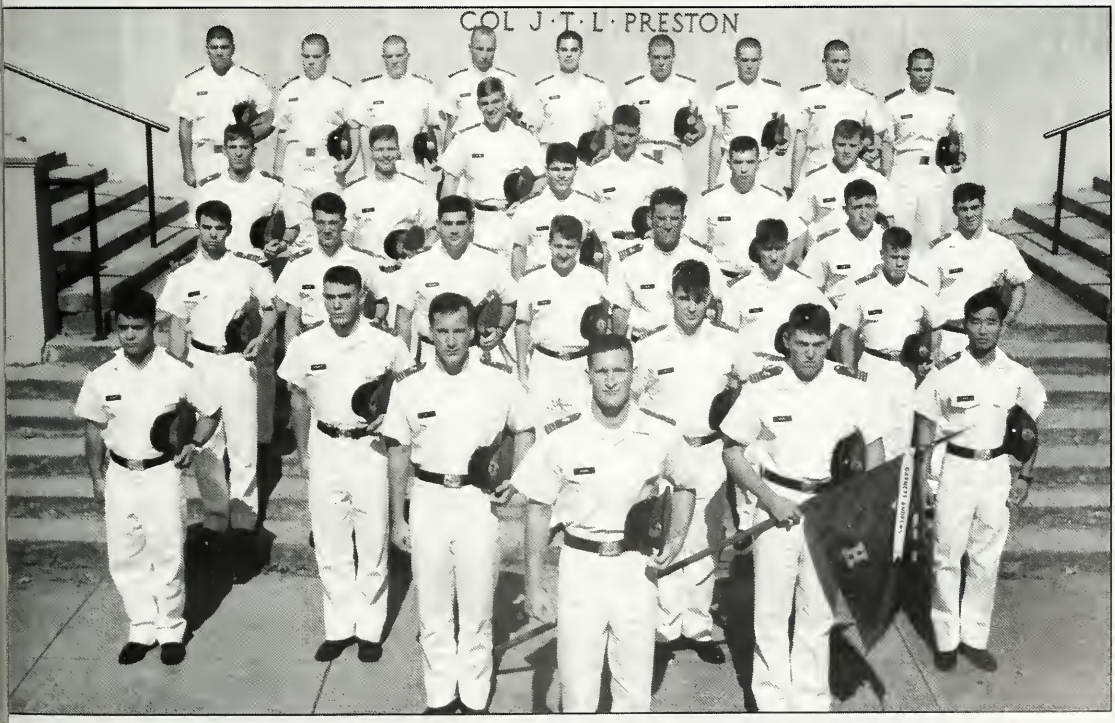
**Alden Davis**
**First Sergeant**

**John Cunningham**
**Master Sergeant**

**James McCoy**
**Operations Sergeant**

**David Graves**
**Guidon**

# Hard Chargin' Hotel



# INDIA COMPANY

**Robert Turbak**
**Company Commander**

I always find it hard to speak of people and things close to me. For this reason, I find it hard to speak of India Company because we, the proud members of India, know it is made up of the finest and closest group of men on the hill. Throughout my four years in the company, I could always see that there was no true "rank" structure. This is due to the fact that we have always been on the same level. This is what has made India Company different.

Although we have been called everything on the hill, to include "Slack Body India," we know better and could care less. What is truly important is that we have formed a bond like no other company. We have gained friendships that will last a lifetime.

We are Iron Clad!
Carry on the tradition!
Farewell, and Good Luck!

- Rod Turbak
India Company Co.

**Robert Copenhaver**
**Executive Officer**

**Scott Coleman**
**Lieutenant**

**Kenji Iwai**
**Lieutenant**

**Charles Sternberg**
**Lieutenant**

**Kevin Vermillion**
**First Sergeant**

**William Sweeny**
**Master Sergeant**

**Jason Cincilla**
**Operations Sergeant**

**Craig Eubank**
**Guidon**

# Iron Clad India

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# BAND COMPANY

**Michael Chupas**
**Company Commander**

Band Company is the most unique and diversified company on the hill. We pride ourselves in the jobs we do. Throughout my cadetship we have always done them well. Over 100 times this year the VMI Regimental Band performed almost flawlessly. With all of this performing the Band has forged a unity found in no other company.

I am grateful for the chance to lead Band Company, both musically and administratively. I have learned a great deal. Thanks for the outstanding year. I especially want to thank the First Classmen whose leadership and experience have made us the best company on the hill. Special thanks to you Paul Syverson on an outstanding job training the rats. Good luck to you underclassmen in your future at VMI. Most of all, good luck Brother Rats, in all that you do.

-M.R. Chupas
Band Company Co.

**Paul Syverson**
**Executive Officer**

**Leonard M. Girling**
**Lieutenant**

**Douglas Stransky**
**Lieutenant**

**Brian Van Deun**
**Lieutenant**

**George Schreffler**
**First Sergeant**

**Scott McCoy**
**Master Sergeant**

**Stephen Kavanaugh**
**Operations Sergeant**

**Michael Parker**
**Guidon**

# Blood Thirsty Band Co

# THE REGIMENTAL BAND

Over the past year, the VMI Band has once again played a shining role as a "showpiece" for the Institute. In this role, it has been necessary or the members to give a great deal of themselves, in both time and effort. But none would doubt that in the end the Band always comes through with flying colors.

Many of the duties of the Band are integral parts of Corps life. On any Tuesday night when there is a Corps marchdown one can find a contingent of drummers that stands by Washington Arch to provide cadence for the companies as they march by. Members of the Band also serve as buglers, playing those dreaded calls to BRC and other formations.

But the Band's most obvious job comes whenever there is a parade. Most parades will in some way find the Band standing out; whether it be a sound-off, or the well known "slow-march." But by no means is parade day the only time that the Regimental Band represents the Institute. Among the many trips, the most favored is marching in the New Orleans Mardi Gras Parade. This year, after flying down in an Air Force C-141 and receiving a taste of Marine Corps life on a ship, the Band went on the win the award for the best military band for the fourth year straight. However, most of the guys will better remember (or maybe not) the times that they had on Bourbon Street!

Being a member of the Band also provides many opportunities for a cadet to express his musical talent and improve his skills. There are many clubs and activities that are available for band members to join. These include the Brass Ensemble, the various quintets, and the "Commanders" under the direction of Cadet Doug Stransky, '93. These groups also represent the Corps through their various trips and concerts. Any man who volunteers his time to these organizations should be applauded for his fine dedications to excellence.

Cadets are also given the chance to play in a combined band with W&L students. Playing with the "minks" allows cadets the chance to play music of a more sophisticated caliber, as well as get some time off post. The highlight for the VMI-W&L band was a concert held on March 30.

Thus as another year comes to a close, it is with a sense of pride that Band members can look back upon their accomplishments for the past year. Through their hard work the Institute is well represented.

**by Paul R. Syverson**

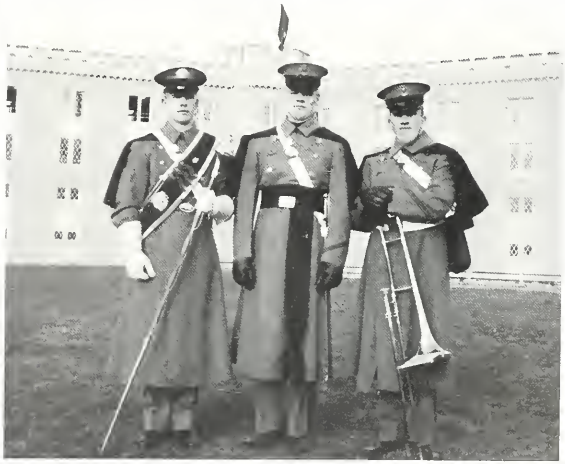
(below) The band marches through town during Lexington's annual Christmas parade.

(right) Maj. Brodie, the Band's Director, conducts for an alumni function in frnnt nf Moody Hall.

(above) The 1993 Regimental Band.

(left) The band, after spending a comfortable night aboard the U.S.S. Guam, prepares to depart for the Mardi Gras parade.

(below) The cadets that make it all happen: Mike Chupas - Drum Major, Paul Syverson - Company Commander, and Doug Stranski - Lieutenant / C.I.C. of The Commanders.



# *HONOR COURT*

In order to keep up with the changing society in which we live, traditions seem to fall on a regular basis here at VMI. But one tradition that will never change is the Honor Code. The code simply states "A CADET DOES NOT LIE, CHEAT, STEAL, NOR TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO."

The Honor Code is present in every aspect of cadet life. Ask any cadet "What is the most important thing to you at VMI?" and you will surely hear "my personal honor." Holding this much priority in every cadet's life, the Honor Code is therefore administered and jealously enforced by the Corps of Cadets.

The administration of our Honor System is performed through the Honor Court. The two purposes of the Honor Court are to teach and instill in the Corps the highest sense of honor and to decide the innocence or guilt of an accused cadet.

There are sixteen members on the Honor Court, each elected by their Brother Rats. Ten are First Classmen and six are Second Classmen. The four officers of the court and the two prosecutors are First Classmen elected by the court itself. A Second Class representative usually assists the prosecutors.

There are no degrees of honor within our Corps. Either you lied or you did not lie, you cheated or you did not cheat, you stole or you did not steal. Thus, there can be only one sanction for a dishonest cadet...immediate dismissal.

It is each cadet's responsibility to be accountable for his own actions. As a result, the Honor System and the Honor Code are more than a set of rules for one to abide by, rather, it is a way of life.

Gerald F. Bingeman Jr.
Honor Court President

Second Class Representatives

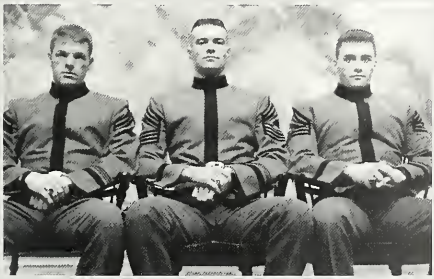
**The Big Three**

**Officers and Prosecuters**

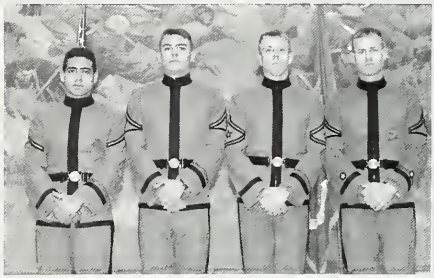
# RAT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Rat Disciplinary Committee is a subcommittee of the General Committee containing thirteen members elected by the First Class as the enforcers and as arbitrators of the ratline. Each rat must meet the standards set by the First Class in order to become a VMI man. Respect must be earned by way of the ratline. Tradition calls for this, and the tradition must continue. No one makes it through VMI alone. Only with determination, motivation, and fortitude will a matriculant graduate from VMI. The Rat Disciplinary Committee's Mission is to instill discipline and create an atmosphere that will never be forgotten. By forging discipline and a sense of accomplishment, the ratline will lead to later success in life. You will fail before you succeed and the ratline teaches one to overcome failure in order to succeed. Rats of 93, learn form your mistakes and face challenges head on. Use the constant mental and physical stress placed on you during your ratline to your advantage. Pay heed to your dyke's motto of "Honor Unity and Sacrifice." Learn its significance and its meaning for it will bond you as brother rats for a successful cadetship and a successful life.

Rhett R. Cox
President, RDC

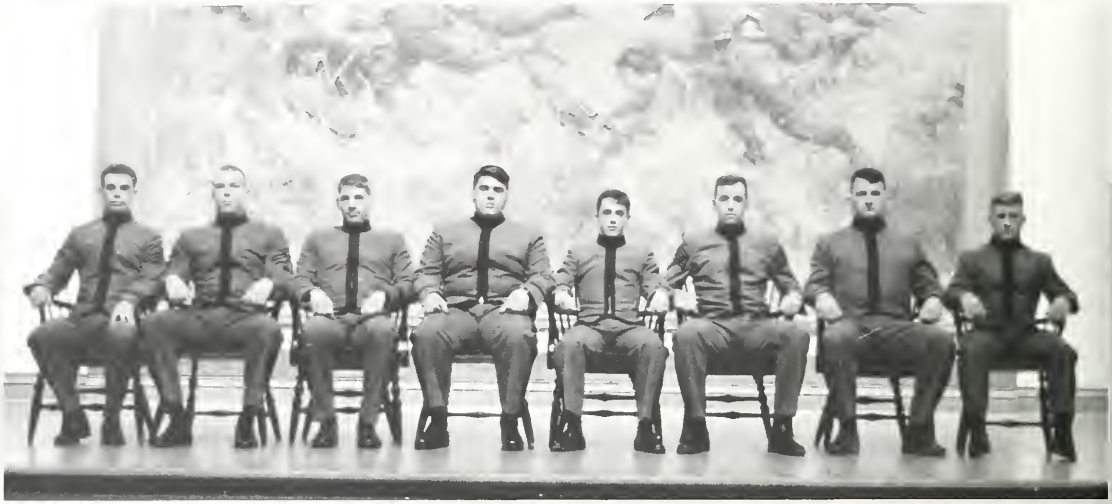


**Officers**



**Second Class Members**

# GENERAL COMMITTEE



The General Committee is an organization which is of, by, and for the VMI Corps of Cadets. The G.C. is made up of the three class officers from the First, Second, and Third classes. These officers are chosen during their fourth class year and serve on the General Committee until their class graduates.

The G.C. serves two purposes. The first is to ensure that privileges within the class system are properly adhered to. The class system, headed by the first class, is founded on the basis of longevity, respect, and experience. As each class moves through VMI, its members are granted privileges which make existence here a little easier. The cadets - and not the G.C. - are expected to guard their hard earned privileges. When a privilege is taken by an unworthy underclassman, that underclassman may be referred to the G.C. for punishment.

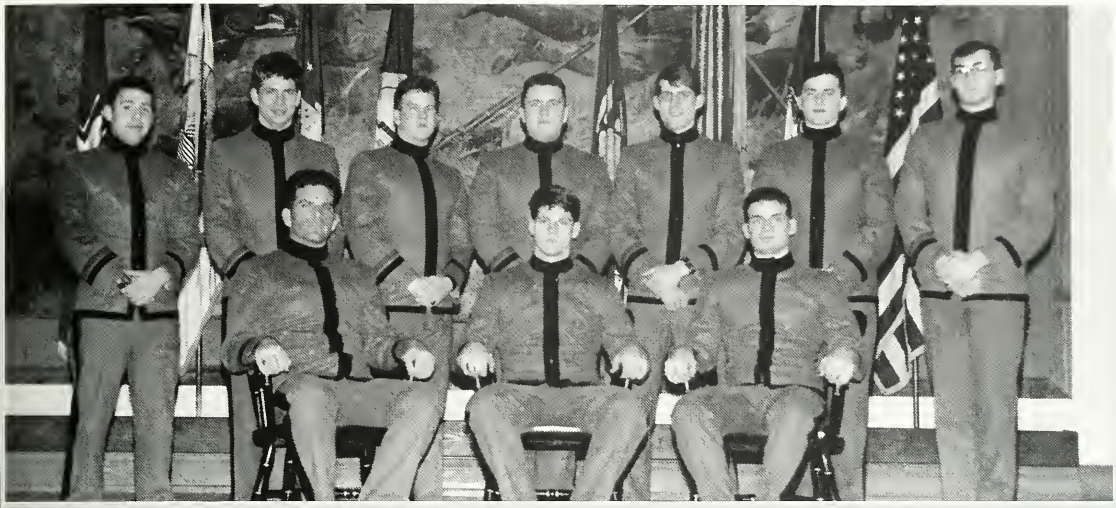
The second and most important purpose of the G.C. is to protect the reputation of the Corps. The G.C. punishes cadets whose conduct may damage or taint VMI's reputation as a producer of gentlemen. Again, wayward cadets are referred to the G.C. In dealing with more serious cases, the G.C. may recommend a penalty to the Superintendent. These penalties may range from one penalty tour to dismissal.

In summary, it can be said that the G.C. is only as good as the organization which supports it. Corps participation makes the G.C. work, and each cadet should feel obligated to correct matters which bring disgrace and shame to the Corps.

Deacon Maddox
First Class Historian

**First Class Officers**

# *OFFICER OF THE GUARD ASSN.*



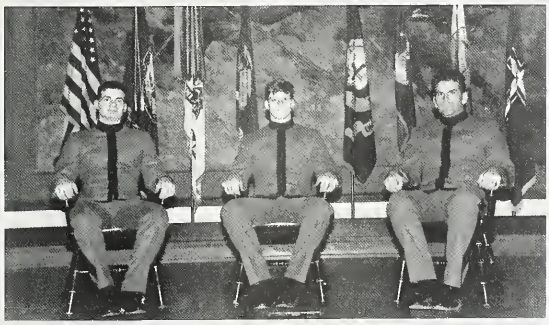
The Officer of the Guard Association is a subcommittee of the General Committee. Its main body consists of a president and ten First Class Private representatives chosen by their peers within each of the companies. All First Class Privates are also members of the OGA.

The OGA is the investigative arm of the GC. Cases of misconduct by members of the Corps are the focus of many hours of investigation by each representative. After conducting an investigation to determine the facts and the severity of a cadet's misbehavior, the representative recommends to the Executive Committee the punishment he deems appropriate.

The OGA also investigates reported incidents of hazing. Violations of ratline procedures are not tolerated by the OGA or the class system. With the ever increasing liability involved in the treatment of new cadets, this function acts as a safeguard against excesses that could cause the end of the ratline.

Another function of the OGA is to argue on behalf of cadets who have been unduly punished by the administration. Representatives of the OGA work to have certain unjust penalties reduced.

Hans K. Pauley
Keith P. McGee
OGA Reps.



**Officers**

# FIRST CLASS

## MARKING TIME

(above) Some of the class of 1993's newly commissioned Second Lieutenants.

(below) Martin Crawford escorts his rat off Breakout Hill.

## Erik C. Abjornson

**I.S and French / USMC**

***Serge, GQ, Sinner***

I have but little space here in which I will try to summarize my experience at VMI. I came here a 17 year-old boy unsure of and not a little scared at what the future would behold. Thanks to my cadre, my friends, and Marine OCS, I believe that, as I take my diploma in hand, I am leaving this place a man. It wasn't an entirely smooth transition, but as I observe some civilian males my age, I know that it has all been worth it. I accomplished what I came here to accomplish and now it is time to move on. I owe thanks to many but principally to God who has provided me with strength and fortitude, and to my parents who have provided me love and reassurance. I am forever in their debt. Semper Fidelis.

Dyke 1990 - Mike Roman
Dyke 1996 -

*Stockton, NJ*

Cadre 3,2; First Sergeant 2; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; National French Honor Society 2,1; Bulldog 2; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; Dean's Honor Roll 4,3,2

## Paul J. Ackerman Jr.

**Civil Engineering / USMC**

***Yack, Ackerboy, Acker#*!@***

Was it really 4 yrs? It only seems like 8. VMI has definitely prepared me for life by teaching me how to put up with all types of bullcrap and hassles. To my roommates I can not say enough. Greg we have known each other since day one. I am glad that I was mandatorily moved into 421, and thanks for all that haydown. Sean, you have kept my spirits up with your humor, living in "Hell's Kitchen" was truly an educating experience. John "Chef," never stop cooking and thanks for that blind date. at, you are not only the "NFG" but have made our humble room humbler. Dad I would like to thank you and the rest of my family for all your support and love. To the Coffey family, you have all given me a home away from home. Rhonda, you have always been there for me, I love you. John McElroy, you are the brother I never had, good luck in the future and watch out for Corps trip.

Dyke 1990 - Chris "Norm" Tremaglio
Dyke 1996 - John "Towny from hell" McElroy

*Maple Shade, NJ*

Rat4, Pat3, Sgt2, XO BCo-1; Semper Fi Soc. 4,3,2,1; PLCJr-4, NROTC SclShp 3,2,1; wrestling 4,3; Dean's List 4,2,1; ASCE 2,1; AWWA 2,1 TBP-1; Who's Who.

## Brian L. Adams

**Economics / Special Student**

***BA,Mayberry,Messy Marvin,2***

I would tell all of you how I can't belie it's finally over, but I have another semester h at the "I". Shocker, hunh? There have been go times and bad times here, and I'm sure we'll agree the bad outweigh the good. Here's to so of the lighter times: G-Close- breaking l record,Nub-mobile keg,Camilius-naked f jumping, Gil-club 321 enough said, Sanc Goshen, Weed-Australians at UVA, TD/D JC/TW/TJ/ BW/Zieg-Concourse games. I didn't put you in I'll get you next year! Fin your the greatest. Billy & Chris: Thanks getting me through this place. You guys are best. Munzel family: thanks for the support T there are no words to describe how grateful I to have you-I love you. Mom @ Dad: I forever grateful for this opportunity you've giv me. I love you.

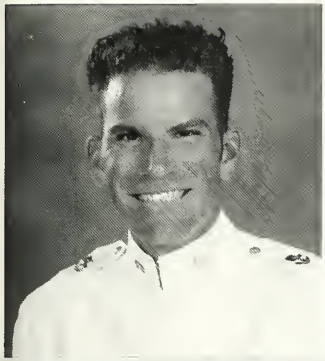
Dyke 1990 - Barry Johnson
Dyke 1996 - Louie "sweet Lou" Napoleon
Chris "slim" Cofer

*Williamsburg, VA*

Varsity Baseball 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 2,1; CG 3,2,1

## Sandy J. Akers

**Biology / Special Student**



*Shady, Jim, Mr. Fugazi*

Reflecting back on my cadetship, I become lmost teary-eyed when I think of leaving this topia, this garden of splendor, this institute mong institutes. Fortunately, melancholy will rn to pride and glory as I march through limits ates, diploma in hand, ready to test myself with e bounteous knowledge that VMI has left me. Vith that faithful day will come a flood of emories; memories of the happy, joyous celbration that is the VMI experience. The special emembrances will always be with us; that first iled test, that first failed relationship, that first icide attempt. In my later years I will dream of y days at VMI, and after the night sweats and anic have subsided, I'll know what my cadetship as given me. Yes VMI; all the adversity you ave provided for us will remain with us forever; prominent scar on the face of our lives

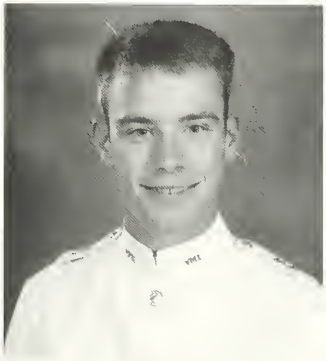
yke 1990 - Thomas "Mr. Big" Bailey
yke 1996 - Jeff "Wonder Boy" Mozgala

*Fort Lauderdale, FL*

GA Vice-President 1; Roadrunner's 2,1; Virgin Private; gazian Club; Summer Scholar 2,1; Lexington Contingent

## Joseph A. Aldrich

**Mathematics / Air Force**



*Joey,Joe Blow,Joe Cool,Yosef*

WOW!! Imagine this. I can't believe that four years of V.M.I. could fly by so quickly. First off, I must give credit where credit is due. Mom, Dad, and Mandy (and Ginger), how can I ever thank you for all the support (moral and financial) you all have given me. Without your support, none of this would have been remotely possible, I love you all, thank you very much. Matt, how you could have put up with my crap for 3 years, I have no idea. Keep working hard and you will persevere, Semper Fi. Believe it or not, I will probably miss the "typical V.M.I. day" (if such a thing exists). To my B.R.s and those friends which I will leave behind, good luck in the future and keep working hard. Mark, hang in there, work hard, and keep the Virgin Private tradition going. See Ya V.M.I. AIM HIGH, U.S.A.F.

Dyke 1990 - Steve Vazquez
Dyke 1996 - Mark Simonds

*Prince George, VA*

Virgin Private (Cold Steel Charlie Co.) 4,3,2,1; Canterbury Club 4,3,2,1; Big Brother/Little Brother 2,1; Arnold Air Society (A.A.S.) 4,3,2,1; A.A.S. Administration Officer 1.

## Fredrick D Aldridge

**History / Air Force**

*Freddee, Freedrick, Pyle*

Well guys,our VMI experience is almost over. Graduation is both a joyous and sad event. I will not miss the Institue itself, but I will miss the guys that have made it special. Tuck, I have known you since day one in Room 461. Lonnie, we always gave you a hard time, but we did love ya. Thanks for keeping John and me out of trouble. Ra, I promise you, John and I will not use your famous quotes against you. Well, if you become rich and famous we just might. Ed, stop eating those Crozet hamburgers or we might not see you at our 25th year reunion. John, I don't know what to say. We have been like brothers to each other. I'll miss my partner in crime the most. Every time I see a Keystone Beer commercial I will think of you.

Dyke 1990 - William Gaspar
Dyke 1996 - Tom Perrault

*Salem, VA*

Cadet Captain 1; Plt Sgt 2; Cadre Cpl 3; Rat 4; Rat Training Instructor 2,3; English Society 1,2; Phi Alpha Theta 1,2; VMI Firefighters 1; Who's Who Among American Colleges And Universities; Academic Stars Recipient

## Stephen T. Allison

**History / Navy**

***ASAP, Bag, Nacho, Nevie***

On Aug 15, 1989 My journey began, and this is what I leave behind. Mom,Dad,and Christa I left there a boy and have come back a man. I hope that I have made you proud. Thanks for the support. Todd, we've been through the most, all I can say is THANKS. Matt, the rack is calling. I know you'll succeed anywhere. Hans, we've had our moments, but I'll be proud to stand up next to you. Zane, you've become like a brother, I'll truly miss you. To My BR's Rob, thanks for helping me grow up. Po, thanks for keeping me here. Mitch, always keep your values. Van, borrow some from Mitch. To 158's RATS "it's always darkest before the dawn" Stick it out. Finally, to Regina, You have saved me from this dark and desolate place. I love you with all my heart. Farwell Hotel Co, 93, and VMI

Dyke 1990 - Chris "HB" Phillips
Dyke 1996 - Jason "Hostess Ranger" Williams
Dave "Tiff" Tifford

*Lawrenceville, GA*

Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, 1st Lt (2nd Bn S-6) 1, Volleyball 4,3,2,1, Captain 2, VMIT 4,3, College Republicans 1, "Club 58", 3,2,1, Heinze Hardcharger 4, IHTFP 4,3,2,1, "Spook" Neighbor 2,1, Weekend Highlander 2,1, Class of 93 4,3,2,1,

## Eddie P. Antoine III

**History / Army**

***Sketty, Weird, Dr. Decible***

VMI was the most challenging, complicated and trivial experience I have encountered thus far in my lifetime. I came here to compete in sports, and I'm leaving as a scholar. I lost my old identity, but gained a new, more insightful one. Most importantly, I learned about people. Everyday I spent at the Institute, I regretted it, but I could never leave, because I saw 1000 other miserable cadets enduring my same hardships. Last, but not least, I learned about Lexington, and how small it really is.
Helen Davis, Major Mixon and Ms. Sandi were the BIG THREE of my cadetship. Thank you. To my mother, Thank you for being patient.

Dyke 1990 - Coley Rice
Dyke 1996 - David Khan

*Virginia Beach, VA*

Cross Country: 4,3,2,1; Track: 4,3,2; Bomb Staff: 1; Drug and Alchohol Committe: 1; Private: 4,3,2,1; Promaji: 4; Ac Pro 4,3; Conduct Pro 4,1?

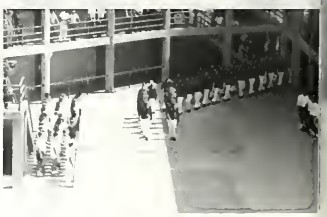
## Dewayne W. Arkadie, Jr

**History / Army**

***Jack,DW,Wayne,Yoakum***

I do not have much to say because I will n graduate with the class. VMI has been an e opening experience. I've met people from different walks of life, and I'm proud to ha become their friend as well as their BR. To members of the football team who are graduat this year, I really enjoyed the camaraderie brought amongst one another. I wish all of y the best in your futures after graduation. To rat roommates - Richard Bordon, Ge Bingeman, and Marcus Harring, I wish you well. To Lorenzo, stay out of trouble; To R don't mess with too many St. Ides because they catch up to you; To Curtis, good luck to you in service. To all my BR's, I wish you all a peace journey down the road of life. End racis increase the peace.

Dyke 1990 - Travis Mabrey
Dyke 1996 -

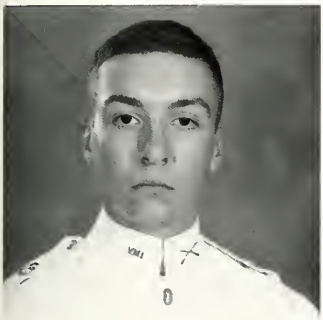


*Yoakum, TX*

Football 4, 3, 2, 1, 1; Captain of the Football Team 1; 1st Class Private; Captain of the Conduct Pro Squad.

## Eric D. Avila

**History / Army**



***Ed, Sapper, Black Goat***

I won't even try to list all of the friends I've ade here at VMI or say how much you all mean me - y'all know who you are, and you're the nest kind. At this point in my life I can say that oming here to VMI has been the greatest single fluence on the course of my life - for good and d. I'm sure someday this whole experience ill make sense to me, but in the meantime I look rward to getting out of here and putting into tion what I've practiced for four years, so ead, Follow, or Get Out of My Way, Leg, I'm rivin' On! IETSU

ke 1990 - Dusty Crone
ke 1996 - Stew "Pugilist" Holt
Josh Lewis

*Norwalk, CT*

iger Challenge 3,2,1; Cpl, Sgt, Rgt.S-3/PFC; AUSA Pres.; man Woman Haters Club; Airborne, Air Assault, Sapper ader Course.

## Edward H. Bain

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Student**

***Hubie, Saskatch, Sauce***

Graduating from this place is by far the greatest accomplishment of my life so far. However, the past four years have been the worst I ever experienced. Let it be known to all that I would not go through this $#!+ again! I may not have finished in the first place had it not been for my parents, Colonel Rowe, and Doc Monsour. Thank you all. God bless our Corps and VMI.

Dyke 1990 - Mark HAM Cunningham
Dyke 1996 - Tim McMahon

*Williamsburg, VA*

Newman Club 4,2,1; Track and Field 4,3; Marine Corps Marathon 2; VMI Outreach 1; Encounter with Christ #104 1

## Juan H. Banks

**Biology / Army**

***"Bankstrom", Natural, Tank***

First I would like to thank my mother and father for their support throughout my life and especially during my time here at VMI. I have truly been blessed with parents that many could only hope for. My parents have always been understanding and patient with my actions. I truly feel that the success of a family is based on the example of the parents and that their influence is immeasurable. My father has always shown the value of persistence and the rewards of hard work. My mother has always been the example of the Lord's influence in life. I could only pray that I will have this type of influence on the family that I hope to have in the future. I want to thank my sister, Dr. Benita Banks, for her love and guidance throughout my life and making me what I am today. To Jonathan, Lewis and the rest of my friends, I wish future success. I can honestly say that my goals in life will always be obtained as long as I have my parents, family, and friends. I love you Bobby and Marie.

Dyke 1990 - Ramon Williams
Dyke 1996 - Bobby "Alien Nation" Prince
Jonas "Blink-E" Callis

*Raleigh, NC*

Promaji club 4,3,2,1; Who's Who 1; Varsity Basketball 4,3,2,1;Gospel choir 3,2; Sergeant 2; Bat. S-6 Lt.1; Featured in Sport Mag., Diesel Club 3,2,1

## John B. Barefoot

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

*Foot, Nasty One, Ski*

It all began in summer school '89 when I was privileged enough to room with Mark Whitehead. Soon after, I was off to the "I" for a long nine months. My greatest nightmare upon arrival was my rat roommate...YES...Mark Whitehead. Mark, how was the rifle team after 4th class year? Third class year is easily explained-bad grades from studying in the barn yard. Second class year I began to lock in on academics while socially broadening my horizons while travelling from one to the other. First class year the grades remained good and the rack stayed cold while the wheels on the "stealth mobile" stayed warm from the many late night journeys to Radford, Virginia Tech, UVA, Roanoke, JMU, and Mary Baldwin. I'd like to thank my family and especially thank Miss Heather N. Carter for four years of dedicated support.

Dyke 1990 - David "Razor" Gillette
Dyke 1996 - Jonathan "Pea-Brain" Young

*Midlothian, VA*

TMS 4,3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Trident Society 3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; NSPE 4,3,2,1; 3d CPL, Reg't S-4 SGT, 3d Batt. S-4 LT; Academic stars 2.

## Curtis W. Barker

**Physics and Math / Special Student**

*Buck, Uncle Buck*

On 15 August 1989, a very round high-school graduate signed "the book" at the Virginia Military Institute. Assuming a new role, I became a new person - Uncle Buck, Buck for short. A well known rat, I was well known throughout my cadetship for both good and not so good reasons. I passed through the system in relatively normal time with only minor scrapes and hopefully will pass out (no pun intended) of it with equal ease. My greatest adversary during my years has been Cocke Hall. I will miss it like I miss Sherman. With luck, I will graduate. For that matter, with luck, all four of us will graduate (Duck, Biff, Casey). Thanks Dave. Good luck Whit. Deo Vindice.

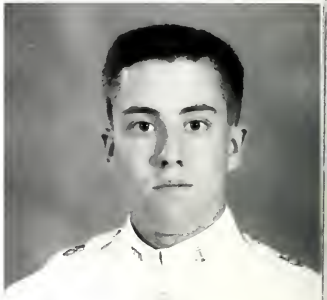
Dyke 1990 - David "S.H." Walsh
Dyke 1996 - N. Whitfield "???" Hall

*Ashland, KY*

CWRT 3,2,1; Kickin' Chicken Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Virgin Private Wanna Be 4,3,2,1; Navy Scholarship, Navy College Program, Navy Special Student; SPS 4,3,2,1

## Kevin J. Barnes

**Civil Engineering / Special Studer**



*Chopstick, Kid B., Spot*

Well its been four long years since I matri lated on August 15, 1989 and I can truthfully that I've experienced the best of times and worst of times at VMI. First of all I would l to thank my parents for all the support they h given me throughout my cadetship, Mom Dad, I would have never made it without y Third class year was disastrous academically with John and Russ as roommates I had my share of fun. Long live the Barnyard Po Second and first class year were much better the grades drastically improving, getting ring, and numerous midnight runs to Virg Tech, UVA, and JMU, Mary Baldwin Roanoke. To my roommate John, the best of l in all you do and Todd, Semper Fi. To my d Geoff, hang in there, never give up, and g luck.

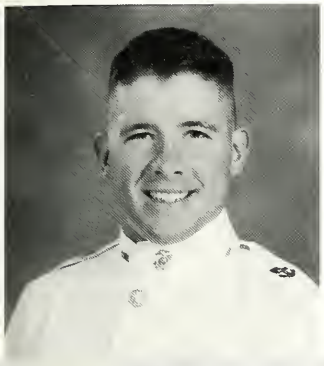
Dyke 1990 - Rich Treanor
Dyke 1996 - Geoff "Pie-Boy" Pybas

*Sterling, VA*

TMS 3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Trident Society 3,2; ASCE 1; CPL 3, Plt Sgt 2, E Co. X.O. 1; Rat Training 1.

## Richard S Barnes

**Civil Engineering / USMC**



*First, First shirt, Backdraft*

G lory and Praise to Our God. I can't believe y four years in Sparta are over. The greatest easure in life is doing what others say you can't . The support shown by my family and their er vigilant love will never be forgotten. With ll's Far Side outlook on life and Tom and n's jokes there was never a dull moment. cole your the greatest - sorry about the dis- ce. Everyone we meet, no matter how insig- icant it may seem, effects our lives - THANKS 's. Jamie - good luck and Godspeed. William akespeare sums up what I have learned from MI and would like to see others continue to gain ay attention Jamie, Brink, and Dingle. "Life ery man holds dear; but the BRAVE man holds NOR far more precious — dearer than life."

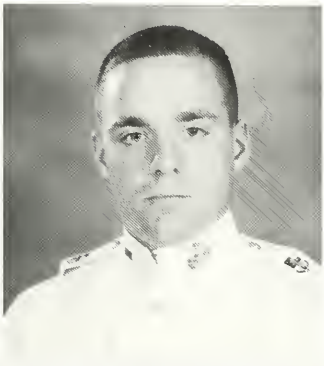
Dyke 1990 - Dusty Crone
Dyke 1996 - James C Edge

*Virginia Beach, VA*

Wrestling 4;Cdre cpl 3;1st Sgt 2;Co Cmdr 1;Smpr Fi 3,2(S),1(VP) ;Bulldog 2;Newman 4,3,2(P),1;Firefighters 3,2;Spec Ops 3,2;Road Runner 2;APO 2(P),1(P)

## Guy G. Berry

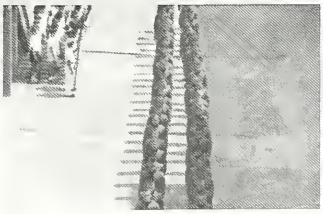
**History / USMC**



*Low Drag, Sloth God*

T his Scotsman took VMI by storm with a claymore in one hand, and a bottle of Scotch in the other. He quickly realized that being a corporal was bad for his karma, and was made over. Quickly he turned into the ideal private, living by the sacred rule:"The more you sleep, the faster your cadetship goes." Guy was able to rise for the formations, some classes, furloughs, JMU, and many trips to Spanky's. He was a man of taste, he never had money, but always drank the best in beer. Thanks for taking me back in time coming back from Hollins, and swimming in the hurricaine. The damage: a bottle of Johnnie Walker Black, Fifths of tequilia, Guiness, Killians, Rolling Rock, alcohol poisoning, RX-7 front suspension, door piston, 200 ft. cable.

Dyke 1990 - Chris "Spear" Schinstock
Dyke 1996 - Steve "Mafia Don" DiLiberto

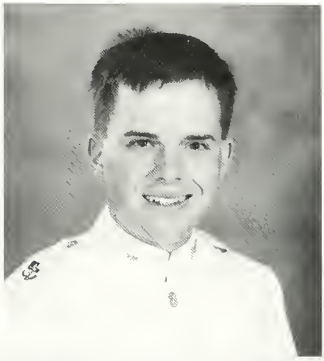


*McAlisterville, PA*

Rat 4, Cadre Corporal 3, AA 2, Bulldog Plt 2, Rat Challenge 1, Unauthorized Cable Club 1, Unauthorzed Vehicle 4,3,2, Barracks Drinking Club 4,3,2,1

## Jason L. Bialon

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**



*Jason*

A lthough I'll miss all the friends I have made especially Brad, Bill, Mark, Hemi, and Phil, I am glad to be graduating and finally getting out of Lexington. Bill, you were a great roommate, but not very good when it came to backgammon. I love my family, especially my mother and father, for listening to my problems with an open ear and helping me to make it through this place. Marie, I love you for sticking with me the past four years. Goober, I love you too. My reply to those who are wondering what I will do after graduation is that I will return to south-western Pennsylvania and drink Iron City with my brothers while we fish the Monongahela for trophy pike. What could be better?

Dyke 1990 - Mike Ober
Dyke 1996 - Shawn Stephan

*Belle Vernon, PA*

Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Phi Kappa Phi 2,1; Virgin Private; Dean's Honor List 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars 2,1

## Gerald F. Bingeman Jr.

**Computer Science / Special Student**

***BATMAN, Ger-Bear, Bing***

Four long years, now its time for some sleep! I've learned so much in the past 4 years, most of which didn't come from a book. But I couldn't have done it without the help of many. My family, I owe most of it. Your love and patience has paid off, I love you all. Pat, keep your chin in and your eyes in the books, the rest will be easy! To my roomies, all that needs to be said is "Get ready to Rumble!!!" To Eric, Higgy, and Rhett, my best friends: Thanks for being there when I needed you & for all the "covert" help. To the Corps and the Court: Jealousy guard it for it shall never perish. Finally to Lara, my BING 2BE: Wow, what a long 3 years, I thought it would never end. Now it's over and our lives together are just beginning. Thanks for enduring the "stuff" and everything else I dished your way. It's our turn to be together. My turn to make you happy. I love you more than anything.

Dyke 1990 - David B. Ratliff
Dyke 1996 - Brian C. Mitchell

*Roanoke, VA*

Honor Court 2,1; President 1; Cpl; Sgt; VCo; Capt; Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Training 3; Bloodmobile 3,2,1; TCFC; RF Honor Guard 3; General Know-it-all 4,3,2,1

## William H. Bono

**German / Army**

***Sonny, U2 Bono, Bono***

When I first arrived at VMI four years ago I thought, "This shouldn't be too bad, it'll probably be like going to summer camp." Wow was I wrong, not only did I never go to summer camp, but VMI was like nothing I could imagine. Quickly I formed tight bonds with my BR's and adapted to the system. Day by day I endured. I earned a ring that is my membership into a club which I don't yet understand, since I have not yet graduated. Now in a flash I find myself writing my First class history. Now my cadetship is approaching it's conclusion. When I walk across the stage I will no longer be captive of the VMI tyranny. Before that time I find myself surrounded by Rats that call me by my first name and look to me for guidance. I also find that I am among roommates that are the best friends I could have: Crum Crumrine, Sponge Hoy, Hogger Kemper, and Kat Lemhkuhl.

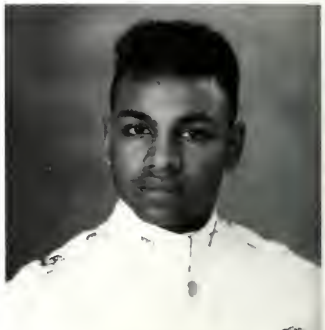
Dyke 1990 - Mike Freguson
Dyke 1996 - Harri Humaloja

*Red Bank, NJ*

Rat4, Cpl3, Sgt2, Pvt1, Glee Club 4321, OGA Secretary, Ranger Company Commander, New Market Honor Guard, Distinguished Military Graduate

## Richard A. Borden

**History / Special Student**



***Borden, BRA***

I had some good times. I had some b times. Now, I'm just glad to graduate on tim

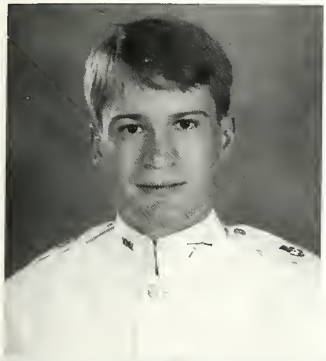
Dyke 1990 - Demetrius "D" McClarity
Dyke 1996 - Clay "PT Stud" Richardson

*Bronx, NY*

Promajn Club 4,1; Martial Arts Club 2,1; International C[illegible]; Chaplain's Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Virgin Private; RDC Gold [illegible] holder 4.

## Wesley J. Bosiger

**Electrical Engineering / Air Force**



*Western, Boz*

When I first came to VMI , I really thought knew what I was getting into. Till this very day still don't know exactly what it is I got myself to. I thought everything would be a piece of ke. Everyone tries to tell you how difficult it , but no one can exactly explain it to you. The ly true explanation is the experience itself. I n't think I have ever really accomplished ything in my entire life, but I will always know at I made it through VMI. It is impossible to scribe life at VMI and life as a cadet. Only ople who have been to VMI know exactly what entails. I just want to thank everyone who is rt of my life for always being there for me and lping me to believe in myself and my abilities.

ke 1990 - David G. Bender
ke 1996 - Thomas "Bull" Smith

*Halifax, VA*

ber I Club 2; Varsity Golf Team 2; IEEE 1

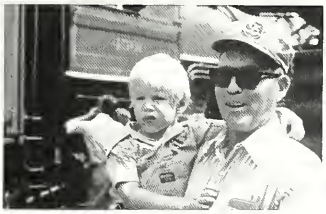
## Matthew T. Bowers

**Electrical Engineering / Air Force**

*YO! MT!, Bad Bowers, Bow Wow*

There is no way to describe the way that VMI has changed my life and ideals. Shortly after matriculation, I realized that a mountain had been set before the class of 1993, and we would be climbing it until graduation. I really wanted to go to VMI ever since I can remember but never believed it could be as demanding as it is. Now I realize why the friendships formed here are never lost. Thanks to all my BR's, esp. Sammy G Tyner (Lost Wages), Chucky Dittmer (Puppy Killer), Phil Watson, Craig Chwojdak, Rich Goodman, Matt LaBell, Bill Garrison, Ming-Chi Yu, and John Greever. May God bless Chaplain Caudill, Mom, Tim, and Laura. Special thanks to my Father, Class of '68, who tricked me into the whole experience.

Dyke 1990 - Garret "Stork" Thompson
Dyke 1996 - Joey "Tex" DuBose
Jason "Rocco" Clendenin



*Augusta, GA*

Track & Field 4,3,2,1; Brass Ensemble 3,2,1; '93 Brass Quintet 4,3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu; Virgin Private; Chaplain's Bible Study; OCF

## Todd T. Brickhouse

**Economics / Special Student**

I know any attempt to put my four years here in perspective will be in vain, for it is impossible to gain a proper perspective while still on the inside looking out. I have learned three lessons that have made my life here more enjoyable. First, make the best of a bad situation. Second, if you find yourself continually wishing for the future you probably aren't making the most out of the present. Third, VMI is a better place to be from than to be at. I would like to thank Carter for being a good friend. Tray, John, and Kirby, you taught me that the most important aspect of VMI is not the grades you make but the friends you make. Letitia, your love and friendship has helped to make this year my most enjoyable year here. Joe, you have been a good friend and a great dyke, good luck. Finally, I would like to thank my parents for financing this journey and their support.

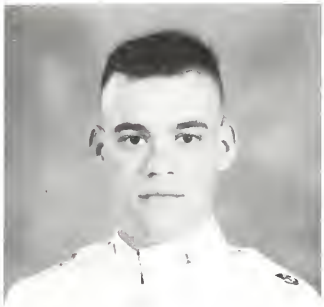
Dyke 1990 - Jimmy Cox
Dyke 1996 - Joe Brockman

*Richmond, VA*

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Rat Training 3; Co-Chairman Economics and Business Association 2; Economics Honor Society 2,1; Spook 452; Cadet Newspaper Advertising Manager 2; Dean's List 4,3,2,1.

## Braden O. Briller

**Biology / Navy**



*Griller,Deer Legs,Satan*

It's been four long years with a lot of great friends. M.W. T.P. J.R. T.R. D.R. T.C. G.B.....YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! Dykes: N.S. R.S. M.O. T.S. T.D. Take some souls! Ilegitimus Non Carbonundum! Cowboy, Scott "Guilt Trip" Coleman. Lou "Keep Rowing" Petrillo, Don "Thanks for the Knives" Spears, Bill "Nice appearance, Nice Food and Nice dyke" Butler and, of course, John "Sonic Clappin', (Shwock) "Brwaaad," mindless eating machine" Fernandez....

KEEP THE FAITH!!!!

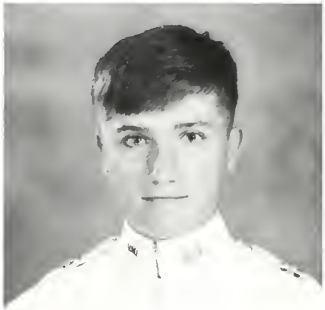
Dyke 1990 - Chris Callahan
Dyke 1996 - Nathan Straub

*Glen Cove, NY*

Rat 4; Coporal 3; Master SGT. 2, C. Co. CMDR 1; Cadre 3,2; RDC 1; Rat Training 3; Firefighters 3,2,1; JMU Travel Club 2,1; Riverine Ops. Group 3,2,1; PDC/BDC 4,1.

## Cameron B. Briody

**Civil Engineering / Army**



*Slammy, Chinney*

After four long years here at VMI, I am happy to say, "thank God it is over." It has been a time full of misery, happiness, and hard work. To my parents and family, thank you all for your love and support. I love you all! How I got stuck with four roommates from Michigan, I will never know, but you have all been great. Brad, we have been together for all four years, and Dan, we have been together through it all. Mitch, you are one of the few people who truly understands me. Cas, we got each other through this place-BULL----!!! Now we're GONE! I hope that the friends that I have made here will last as long as all of the memories. To Carmen, you have helped me through this place more than you could ever know. Here's to our future! I truly love you.

Dyke 1990 - Ronald E. Buxton
Dyke 1996 - Mike Stephens

*Richmond, VA*

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Cadre Cpl. 3; HCo Rat Challenge Plt. Ldr. 1; TCFC, Summer Scholar 4,3,2,1; Dean's Honor List 2,1; Dean's Other List 4,3; ASCE 1; MBC 3,2,1.

## William E. Brown

**Mechanical Engineering / Air Forc**

*Buster,Brooown,Slick Willy*

I have to admit, I owe a lot to this pla Many times I look back and can't help but proud. I feel I have accomplished so many thir for example getting on the Dean's list, obtain my Private Pilots License and getting my co mission. Now to personal stuff. To all my roommates: good luck to all and best wishes Tom (oh Tom). I hope one day you will retur your own dimension and find your dreams. matose Comer, take it easy during your f stretch. Hans, best to you and Mary Beth (and day Tyler Mitchell, God help him). To all M.E. B.R.'s, heres to waiting til the last nigh do that project!! Amy, thank you for putting with me, I love you. Mom, Mama Dot and F Jim, Thank you for this chance. Finally, shu Comer!

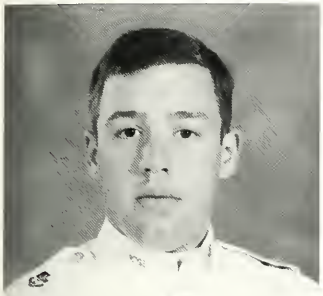
Dyke 1990 - Chris Cretien
Dyke 1996 - Rick "Armadillo" Kozak

*Yorktown, VA*

Private 4,3; Flag Sgt 2; Platoon Lt 1; AAS 4,3,2,1; VMI & Alcohol Comm. 3,2,1; Annual Giving 3,2,1; ASM Private Pilot 1; ME Bohica 4,3,2,1.

## Joseph T. Buchanan

**Economics / Army**



### *Buck, Hurricane*

After 4 years of continuous education, to ıclude Summer School every year and prestrain ımmer, I would like to breathe a sigh of relief, ut I have one more Summer to go. I can honestly ıy that these have been the most miserable 4 ears of my life, but they have also been the most aluable. Amidst all the stress, misery and humble e have come the lessons and friendships of a fetime. Dirt, Kid, Grape Ape, Stud Boy and the R. Wonder I should not have to say anything. ou guys made this place bearable and more nportantly you put up with me. Thank you. ave thanks for the room, its been fun. To my om and Dad: Without you I would not have ade it. I Love you both. To the rest of my family anks for the constant support and mail.

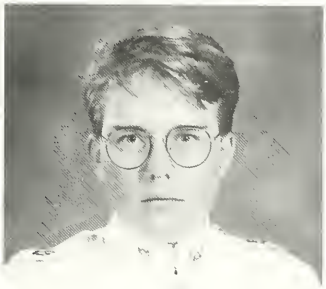
yke 1990 - Scott Smith
yke 1996 - Chad Kaschak

*Midlothian, VA*

Clet Investment Group 2,1; OGA 1; Sgt 2; Club '35 3,2; Sday night quiter 4,3,2,1; Summer School 5,4,3,2,1,0 ; Cnplainer 4,3,2,1; F-Trooper 4,3,2,1;

## John R. Burnett, Jr.

**History / Special Student**



### *Butch*

Well, as with nearly everything else over the past four years, this is being done the night before the deadline. Rat year ended in triumph as the RDC was never crafty enough to catch me and invite me to one of their little evening get-togethers. I have broken nearly every rule VMI has to offer, and some of my best times have been spent on confinement due to infractions of these trivialities. From being a disciple of the Pink Flamingo to an occasional reconstructed bathroom, and being acclaimed as the Head Red in Barracks, it has been an experience that I would never again undertake or wish to relive. Dirty, I will never forget the Turd or the "Mutual Misunderstandings." Lisa, what can I say besides you have made the past two years more tolerable than they could have been otherwise, and I love you.

Dyke 1990 - Aleks Manoff '89
Dyke 1996 - Ryan O'Connor

*Hopewell, VA*

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; CWRT 3,2,1; Firefighters 1; English Society 1; S-5 Staff 4,3,2; Hop and Floor 2,1; '34 Cocktail Club 3,2,1; Enemy of the Institute 3,2,1

## William E. Butler

**History / USMC**

### *Cadre,Yutler,Lace,Peaches*

"They choose the path where no-one goes/ They hold no quarter, They ask no quarter."
- Led Zeppelin

Don, thanks for taking the #1, may we never retire our light sabres. Rick your a great roomate, see you in the FMF and the Smokies. Tom and Jon, the training has been good, the partying better. Let us run to the ends of the earth and may the drinking horns always be full. To 101,103,123 and all you other pigs, thanks for maintaining my INSANITY?! To the Barbarians, I salute you all and I'll meet you at the Beta house for alumni weekend! YATTENTION to all the Marines of 93 & 94, Semper Fi and I'll see you in Valhalla! Frank, Chris and Jamie stay focused and remember work hard, but play harder!

Dyke 1990 - Bill Ator
Dyke 1996 - Frank Dingle

*Dalton, GA*

Cadre 432; RDC 21; #1CLUB; ZD; USMC Marathon 3,2; 50 miler 1; Barbarians 3(PRES)2,1; RRnrs 3,2(VP),1; Barracks Riot 2; Bulldog 2; Outlaw Boxing Team 4321!

## Alonzo C. Cabell, Jr.

**Civil Engineering / Air Force**

***Big Cab, Lonz***

Well, a long road has finally come to an end. In retrospect I must say that I have grown in a positive manner from my experiences here at VMI. I would like to give thanks to GOD for allowing me the strength and courage to make it this far. To my family I want to say thank you for your everlasting support. Pam, we've been through a lot together, including about two years of confinement, thank you for staying with me I'll always love you. Tuck there is no way I could express the value of your friendship in such a short space. Know this, you'll always be a brother to me. To everyone else who supported me along the way God bless you for your help. Peace.

Dyke 1990 - Errol Martin
Dyke 1996 - Jamal Thomas
Cedric Canada

*Lynchburg, VA*

Virgin Private 3,2,1; Football 4; [illegible] Museum Club 3,2,1; Pre law Society 3,2; Midnight Departure Club 2,1; Promap 4,3,2,1; FCA 3,2,1; 3rd stoop apartment 3; PE department fan club

## James W. H. Camp

**Economics / Special Student**

***Space, Mooch, Cramp***

There were times when I begged to be able to leave, and times when I begged to stay (#1), and now I can finally leave for good. If not for my friends from home, my friends here, and my family this whole adventure would have been impossible. I will never be able to repay any of you (anytime soon that is). Rich, Beth, Tim, Tom, Ron, Boomer, and Talley thanks for being there when I needed you most. Mom + Buddy and Dad + Donna thank you for your never ending support. Nana + Gramps and Potch, it was all possible through your help. Now for the room: Kevin, I can't believe you have remained sane these past 3 years. You are undoubtedly the easiest man to live with. Jiz it has been a good 2 years and neither of us have resorted to Rogaine. Spence you've got it all already so if you get to much pass some my way. This too shall pass.

Dyke 1990 - Mark "Sasquatch" Cheadle
Dyke 1996 - Gary "no kiss required" Netzer

*Williamsburg, VA*

Cadet Staff 3,2,1; Circulation Manager 2,1; Swim team 3; TEBA 2; Foxfield Races 3,2,1; Number #1 3; Conduct Pro 3,2; Pervert Bum 3,2,1; Sleeping Team 4,3,2,1;

## Brian S. Canaday

**Mechanical Engineering / Air Fore**

***Canadip,Jabba,Magilla,Day***

I must admit that some small part of may one day actually miss this hell, althoug fails me now as to exactly what possessed m come here. It has been a profitable and yet pai choice. I will never miss confinement or Tac' NEB. I will, however, miss many of the fine with whom I have shared a piece of this exista Young Caz, Yolbert, Dew, and Sly I could have been more fortunate in finding room with whom I enjoyed living. I have no doubt each of you will one day carve a piece of suc out of this life. Live long and prosper. Mom Dad, I hope that I have somehow made you pr because I have always been proud to be your Most of the women on this journey have fled scene but the noble one still remains. I love all. "The war is over for me now but it will alw be there for the rest of my days."

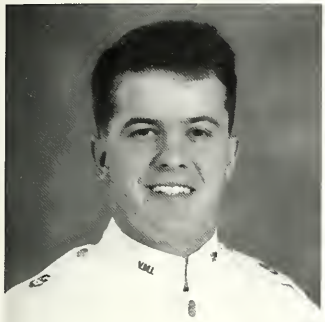
Dyke 1990 - Jim "Word" Hubbard
Dyke 1996 - Arizona bound on a 3:30 Grey hound!

*Roanoke, VA*

Football 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; ASME 1; NSPE 1; Arno Society 4; Shooting Sports Club 1; Summer Schooler Wabbit Hunter 4,3,2,1

## Thomas A. Carlsen

**Economics / Special Student**



*Chief, Hoss*

'S ome things in life you only get to do once, t if you do them right once if enough." Brother ats, we did it right. In sight of my positions at MI the one held closest is member of the class 1993. To my roommates: Lou Petrillo, from e first hand shake in 411 to the last one in 123. e've finally made it! I'll never forget those late ghts in 411. Remember, drive forth and... Dan elawyer, I'm sure most would agree, you are ssing a few marbles, stay that way; you kept e laughing for four years; Mike Gorman every- e should have friend like you. Thanks for all e help in the "Batcave"; You're one I could unt on. Weekends, Road trips... Sheila, memo- s never die. Rat Ripley, do it right. Lastly, I uld like to thank God and my parents for ing me the strength and will to take every step VMI's four year path.

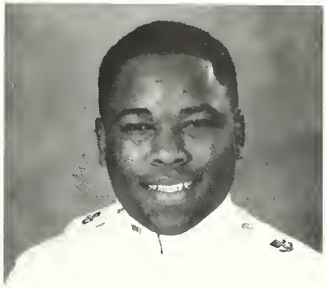
ke 1990 - William Hunter Lyons
ke 1996 - John Michael Ripley

*Lancaster, NY*

mental Commander; Honor Court 2,1, Vice Pres. 1; Sgt 2, First Cpl 1; Ring Design Committee Chairman; Deans VMI Marathon Club.

## Lorenzo B. Carpenter

**History / Air Force**



*Lo, Willie-D, Fat Boy*

There is so much a person can say about the "I." It's almost not worth telling if you haven't been through it. As I grow older, I start to realize the importance of the lessons that I have learned here, and to appreciate the friends I have made. I would like to thank my roommates for putting up with my foolish behavior and supporting me in my times of trouble: Dewayne Arkadie, Rob Gay, and Curtis Mason. I owe all of my great fortitude to the good Lord and my parents. Thanks mom and dad for being perfect role models and also being so understanding about the phone bill every month. Without you all I couldn't have done it. To my beloved brothers of Promaji, a special shout-out, don't let the color of your skin blind your eyes from the light at the end of the tunnel. Peace-Out.

Dyke 1990 - Arturo "AJ" Johnson
Dyke 1996 - John Greene

*Chesapeake, VA*

Football Team Captain; S-6 Lt.; All-American 2,1; All Conference 4,3,2,1; All State 4,3,2,1; Jacobs Blocking Trophy; On-line graduate; Joy 4,3,2,1

## Hunsdon Cary IV

**History / Special Student**

*Hunt*

"All things work together for good to them that love God"(Romans 8:28). VMI has taught me to cherish the little things that a lot of us take for granted. I've given up a lot, but I've actually gained even more. I finally understand what my parents have been trying to tell me all of these years. To my family, none of your help will ever be forgotten. We're strong with each other- I Love You Mom, Dad, Will, and Ginna! Kim, you are my heart and I Love you very much! Charles, you aren't so tough. The road less traveled will make all the difference. Phil, thanks and keep on singing! John and Jason, we're friends forever! To my friends-I'll miss you. The light at the end of the tunnel is shining brighter and brighter. If only my great-grandfather VMI 1892 could see me now!

Dyke 1990 - Chris Barker
Dyke 1996 - John "Short Dog" Morrison
Jason "Hercules" Ross

*Lynchburg, VA*

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Big Brothers 4,3,2,1; FCA 1; Rat Daddy 3,2,1

## Jonathan G. Casarotti

**Civil Engineering / Army**

### *'Role, Fine Young Cas*

I've got a a lot to say and no room. I would have never made it without the support of my mom, dad, and sis! I hope I've made you proud and haven't been too much of a baby these past four years. I also want to thank God upstairs for answering my prayers when I didn't go to church! To my roomies, I've never felt more "in tune" with four other guys than I do with the 'Dew, Yolbert, Canadipaday, and the Vester. We will be friends forever, despite how much we rag each other during the week. To all my CE buddies like Briody, Hubs, Tuck, and D-Grubbs, thanks for help receiving me through! I hope we all get jobs with lots of money to make the pain worthwhile. Hey there! Leigh, I can't say enough, but I know we'll both be able to smile about this in a few years!

Dyke 1990 - Steven "Bucket" Roenker
Dyke 1996 -Taken care of by "the 3"-too bad.

*Richmond, VA*

VMI Honor Court, First Class Rep.; Varsity Football 4,3,2; CPW 1, Dean's List 4; Dean's Other List 3,2,1; 3rd Battalion S 3; Hangin' on 'till May 93.

## Jon A. Cederquist

**Civil Engineering / Navy**

### *Ceder, Toasterhead*

To sacrifice comfort and security to achieve your hearts goal is a risk only 1% are willing to take, however that 1% will be the richest men alive. The future, life beyond VMI, is approaching fast. What it holds for me I await with eager anticipation. VMI has given me what I need to meet it head on. I am grateful to my family for they laid the foundation. My DAD taught me to see everything through to the end and never quit. My MOM - keep agoin' (we will go skydiving soon). My Sis Kristen your eternal faith and letters brought me through more than one battle. I love you all. Bill and Tom thanks for showing me how to run with the best. 126 boys you helped me keep my sanity. After you three nothing will be impossible. Keep the faith. HOO-YAH!

Dyke 1990 - Dave Robbins
Dyke 1996 -

*Norfolk, VA*

Honor Court 1,2, Asst. Pros. 2, RDC 1, 1st Cpl, 1st Sgt., XO, Roadrunners 2, Cadre 3,2,1, Summer School Damned 3,2,1, #1 Club 1, HALO qualified 1

## Taylor B. Chance

**Biology / Special Student**

### *Tay, Tayster*

Well, its been a long, arduous, four ye here at VMI, and I hope its been worth it. I know that some of the friendships I have est lished here will last a lifetime. Torch, my fell Peninsula Boy, I hope you remember all the go times we have had; and I wish you all the bes Tel Aviv (you should fit right in over the Grantster, We have come a long way togetl and I hope you never forget those key Spar words I have taught you: "Muy fuerte". Sout will never forget those late nights studying Organic, Physics, Calc., etc. I hope the hard w pays off for both of us. Spictor, you and I c together, and you and I will leave togeth proving many of the doubters wrong. I will ne forget any of you, and I hope we will all sta touch with each other over the ensuing year

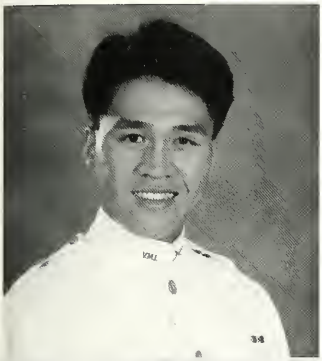
Dyke 1990 - Fred Minnigerode
Dyke 1996 - Bobby "Booby" Singely

*Newport News, VA*

Virgin Private; Dean's List 4 Semesters; Academic Star 1, Von Schilling Scholarship (two times); Phillip H. Kilby ology Scholarship; Who's Who In American Colleges.

## Jui-chi Chang

**Mechanical Engineering / Army**



*Ricky*

On 1 March 1990, when standing on Break-ut Hill, I told myself that half-year of misery life as finally over. Few years later, however, it is ard to believe that I have already been an umnus. I am glad that I had the chance to be a ember of VMI. It brought me a lot of unforget-ble memories throughout four years of cadet-fe. I would like to say "Thank you" to my loved family, my dear dyke James, my good ommates, and my sincere friends. Without ur backing me up and taking care of me, I ould not be able to get through a series of allenges and have a good time at VMI. May od bless all of you! In the Jackson Arch, there a line says "You may be what you resolve to ". Hey, brother rats, let's face our future avely. I know we can do it!

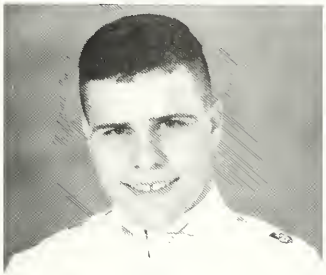
yke 1990 - James B. Steverson
yke 1996 - Shian-kuen Wann

*Kaohsiung, Taiwan, R.O.C*

Volleyball Team 3; Ranger Platoon 2; Army Advanced Camp 2; International Club 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 1

## David L. Charlton

**International Studies / Army**



*Duck*

Well, I'm finally a first classman and soon I'll be out of this hell hole! It's ironic that I call this place a hell hole because it's also one of the few places that I'll miss. This, of course, isn't because of the administration or the military bull that you have to put up with; it's because of the great people that make up the Corp of Cadets. My roommates, Buck, Biff, and the Red Headed Monkey have been just awsome (They're great to get drunk with). My friends in my room away from a room, Tweedy, Natale, McNichols and Held, were also great. It was refreshing to go into that room because then we could talk about our liberal points of view in this strong hold of conservatism. Most of all, however, I would like to thank the Lord for bringing me to V.M.I.

Dyke 1990 - Carl Powers
Dyke 1996 - Maybe Next Year

*Jacksonville, FL*

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Sgt 2; Scouters Club 4,3,2,1 VP 2; BSU 3,2,1; Semper Fi 4,3,2; Wrestling 4,3; Glee Club Wanna-Be 4,3,2,1;Disillusioned Marine Wanna-be 4,3,2; Sabatical 1

## Christopher T. Chernisky

**History / Special Student**

*Nisky,Ski,Sh-Pa,Chernobyl*

First off, I would like to thank my family,especially my mother and father, for all the support you have given me throughout my Cadetship. I could have never done it without you. Thank you and I love you very much. Right now, I cannot speak very highly of this Hell-Hole. However, the friends I have gained here are very important and close to me. One positive thing that I have learned from this place is that you should never take your friends for granted. Billy and B.A., you two are the best. We have gone through a lot together and our friendship has never been stronger. I thank you for all the support you have given me. I know we will keep in close contact with each other so I will not say "good-bye." V.M.I. please do not ask for any donations of money until you learn how to use it wisely. As for my Dykes,David and Gary, I wish you the best of luck. Whatever you do, do not run anymore redlights!!!

Dyke 1990 - Andrew Beasley
Dyke 1996 - David Ellsworth
Gary Greene.

*Patton,PA*

Baseball Team 4,3,2,1; Promaji Club 2,1; Virgin Private; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Pounder 4,3,2,1.

## Stephen M. Chmiel

**Electrical Eng. / Special Student**

### *Chimmel, Seve, Ishmael*

Like most of us, I wasn't really sure what to expect when I arrived in August of '89. That seems like a long time ago, but upon looking back I realize that things haven't changed that much. It certainly hasn't been easy! Sometimes even now I wonder if coming to VMI was the right decision for me. At any rate, I never could have made it this far without all of my friends. Thanks for giving me a reason to be here guys! I'd also like to thank my family, especially Mom and Dad. I know they weren't to fond of my idea to come to VMI either, but they were always very supportive. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the administration for making my stay here at the Institute as pleasant as possible.

Dyke 1990 - Michael A. Manning
Dyke 1996 - Darren T. Maydian

*South Boston, VA*

I was never one to brag about my self, so I'm not about to start by making a list of all my major accomplishments.

## John C. Christian, II

**Electrical Eng. / Special Student**

### *Fletch, JC*

When I came here from "GOD's Country" with the accent and everything, I really did not know what to expect, but who did? Even to this day when asked where I'm from, the pattern response is "Exactly where is that?" It is now time to address my roommates. Ed, I lived with you for two years. All I can say is "Oh, nothing!" Ra, you my friend have always lived with me. You are right I did win the bet by a BIG margin. Fred, I have had you as a friend since the night at "Lloyd's of Lexington." I will miss the late night talks about anything and everything. I will even miss you talking me into doing about everything and vice versa. Always remember the dessert of choice, "Two tequila shots please!" To my dyke, Mark all I can say is "Do as I do. Say as I say. And make me proud."

Dyke 1990 - Pat "The Dude" O'Leary
Dyke 1996 - Mark "Surfer Cowboy" Carter

*Jewell Ridge, VA*

Virgin Private; Officer of the Guard Association 1; Rifle Team 4,3,2; Varsity Letterman 2; VMI Firefighter 1; Tambourine Player and Backup singer 1

## Michael R. Chupas

**Biology / Army**

### *Chupe, Choop*

I can't say I've been the happiest person my four years here at the Institute, but I've ma it with the help of my friends, my family, and Lord. It is hard to look back at these four ye and not thank all of the people who helped along the way. Mom and Dad sometimes I thi you had a harder time with this place than I d but without your support and love I couldn't ha done it. Thank for sticking behind me. Ma Brodie, You've taught me a great deal and alo the way become a very dear friend. Thanks all of your help. Keith I think we have live most every room in barracks, but we mad together all the way. The Institute has brou me the two most important things in my life has brought me closer to my family, it brought me closer to my Lord. Most importan I thank God for you every day Anna.

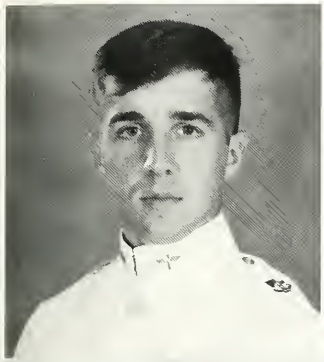
Dyke 1990 - Richard "Chip" McWilliams
Dyke 1996 - Matthew Tyrrell

*Wethersfield, CT*

Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, Company Commander - Drum Maj 1; Cadre 3,2; Rat Training 3; Brass Ensemble 4,3,2,1; Qu 4,3,2,1; Bugler 3,2,1; Water Polo 3; Parade Deck fo 4,3,2,1.

## Craig A. Chwojdak

**Chemistry / Special Student**



*Spaz*

I dedicate this section to all of my BR's ıo made this long God-forsaken journey pos- ıle - thanks ya'll, no matter what anyone says he mud never did wash off! To my rat ›mmate Richard I wish you the best in your ests of life and that all of our "learning" periences will bind us as best of friends for- er. To Steve - all I'll say is AAARRRRGGGHHHH!!!! I love you too ser, go out and tear 'em up! To the research lab oking club members - I love ya'll!! (To Billy, ıank you for the many talks and most of all for ching me how to really break in a pair of boots. Johnny-D, all the best, I'll always be indebt to ı too. Last but not least - Montoya and Biff it's en real - NOT!) To Buck - Long live the UTH! To long lost Jay man, Zane, Mikey and - I love ya'll. And to JohnnyG - TAG IT!! ** GS WILL HUNT !!! **

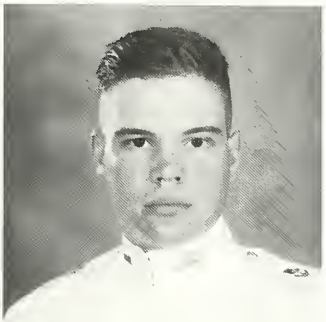
ke 1990 - Lenny Carson
ke 1996 - RAT Sung Lee

*Amelia, VA*

mental Band 4,3,2; Brass Ensemble 3,2; ACS 3,2,1; t Broken Club 3,*2*; Jimmy Buffet Roadee 4,3,2,1; 00 Racer Wannabe 4,3,2,1

## H. Lee Clark III

**Biology / Army**



*Clarkmeister, Regt. TOOL*

It is said that a man is judged by the friends he has. In this case, I am proud to be judged as a member of the CORNER. We have been through a lot together. We've partied together, fought with and for each other and generally did not care what the rest thought. My cadetship is dedicated to you guys. You have made me what I am. I appreciate what you have done for me. Others, like CL, Cpt. Fields, Mom and Dad, I thank you and I hope I have made you proud of what I am and will be. To Wyatt, HANG TOUGH, you'll make it. It is with no small joy that I leave this place but, "And though they did hurt me so bad in the fear and alarm you did not desert me my BROTHERS IN ARMS"

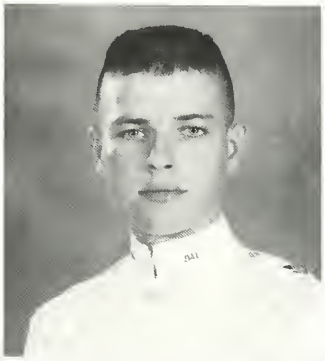
Dyke 1990 - Charles John Bodnar (CJ)
Dyke 1996 - Wyatt Lee Shifflet (the Genius)

*Norfolk, VA*

Rat, Cpl., Rgt. Color Sgt., Lt., Private, AIRBORNE, Ranger Co. XO, Dean's List, Academic Mediocrity, Corner Dweller,Charlie Co. Future General Officer, LEE-HI Diner's Club

## Benjamin S. Coleman

**Biology / Air Force**



*Scotty*

"I cannot rest from travel;
I will drink life to the lees."

- Alfred, Lord Tennyson
"Ulysses"

Dyke 1990 - Glenn K. "Sensai" Dickenson
Dyke 1996 - Thomas B. "Tommy Gun" Song

*Rockwall, TX*

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Plt. Lt. 1; Martial Arts Club 4,3; Rappeling Cadre 2; Survivor of the Metallica/Guns 'n' Roses Concert, RFK Stadium, July 17, 1992.

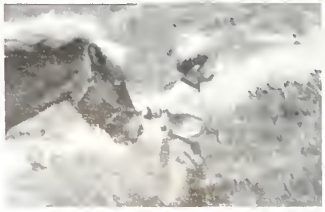
## Jonathan B. Comer

**Biology / Special Student**

*Gomer*

It's finally time to do my first class history. I look back at the time spent at the Institute seeing it pass by so quickly, but never realizing my time here at VMI would come to an end. I first must say thank you to all my Brother Rats. I have many great memories to take with me from VMI. Room 494 was trying, but I wouldn't change a thing. I wish you guys nothing but the best. Roomies in 294 and 137 - thanks gents. The times were awesome, to bad they have to end here, but I have a feeling they will continue elsewhere. I must say thank you to mom and dad, brother, and sister, without you guys I would have never accomplished so much. To the Institute thanks, you caused me to evolve into a person that likes who he is and will always be true to himself and others.

Dyke 1990 - Don "Sleestack" Bowers
Dyke 1996 - Eli "Gangster" Wahesh
Bron "Mopey" Stacey

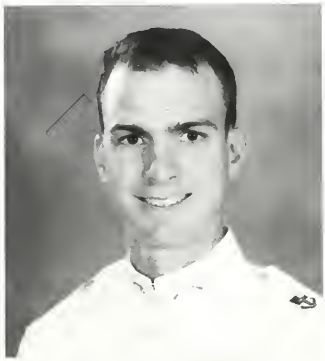


*Harrisonburg, VA*

Private 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1; Hop and Floor 3; Cadet Trainer 2,1; Virgin Private; Slacker; Chick Scammer 3,2,1

## R. Mitchell Copenhaver

**History / Army**



*Moo, Nibs, Weasel, Mige, B!*

Thank the Lord this is over! Immediately, my gratitude goes to my family. Thank you for your endless support Mom and Dad. To my roommates from day one to graduation: we definitely had some fun and some trying times. Van, I do not know how we have lived together. Your peculiarities, however, I would not trade nor will forget. Rob, my sometimes harsh and hard corps roommate: you are a true friend and confidant. My priceless neighbors of 2nd class year: Dave, Hans, Steve, Matt, Todd, plus John, Jason, Craig, and Rod, I could not have made it without your help, humor, and friendship. Stewart, it has been great having you as a part of my cadetship; you will do well as you are now. Dan, Cam, Mazze, & Mac-"Let's go!" Rats, especially Kevin, hang in there and God bless.

Dyke 1990 - Matthew Henning
Dyke 1996 - Kevin "Shrew" Mable

*Fayetteville, NC*

Honor Court 2,1; 1 Co. Cpl-3, Pvt-2, Lt/XO-1; Rat Training 3,2,1; Bloodmobile 3,2,1; Haters of Richmond Club 4,3,2,1; Never here 2,1.

## Brian C. Cox

**Biology / Army**

*BC,HardCharger,BigB,Romeo*

We few, we happy few,
we band of brothers;
For he to-day sheds his blood with me,
shall be my brother;
- Shakespeare,"Henry V"

Looking back over the trials and tribulations that I have endured in the four years that I have spent at Mother "I", I have learned that there are certain intangibles far worse than death. These intangibles being disgrace through dishonor, loss of personal integrity by licking the boots of those above you, and loss of one's identity by compromising one's own beliefs to be part of the majority. I have learned to fight for what I believe to be right and to look inward to myself for strength and courage. I am now ready to go forth and fulfill my destiny. MOM, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

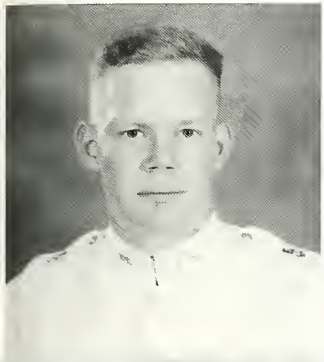
Dyke 1990 - CJ Bodnar
Dyke 1996 - Rob "The Pugle Warrior" Dee
Anthony "Noble Scholar`Gra

*Independence, VA*

1ST Btn CO. 1, M&NMB XO 1, 1ST SGT. H.CO. 2, RI T. COLOR CPL. 3, CADRE CPL. 3, E&H Remembrance ab 4,3,2,1; LCC 1, Airborne 4, CTLT 1, Gold Coast Wa or 3,2,1; The Order Of Cincinnatus 1, Hard Charger 4,3,2

## Edward C. Cox

**Physics / Army**



### *Casey, Howdy, Opie*

s I think about the last four years, there are ny things that I will want to remember. Rat ar: Room 482 my roommates and the window, igby with my Dyke, Watching the sunrise at RC marchdowns, 10 miles for my Rat Bible. d: 10-2-10 disturbance in Barracks, Mallory ll all night study sessions, Spring Break mis- n trip, House Mountain Camping trips, Sum- r Missions. 2nd: Ranger Challenge, all night week Mallory Hall study sessions, Maxwell use and Folgers, 10 months of morning PT, ad trips at Airborne School. 1st: 30 minute ound, responsibility, Relationships?, The ture??, ???. So many memories still to come. I look back, I am convinced, I SHOULD VE BEEN A HISTORY MAJOR!!! Good k Mike I know you will do well. Jim,Buck, d Duck its been a fun 3 years. See you at the ddings and reunions.

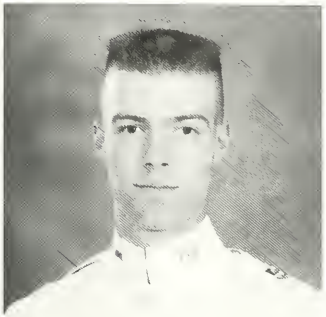
ke 1990 - Tom Murray
John Burleson
ke 1996 - Mike Wilbourn

*Virginia Beach, VA*

3; 4,3,Pres 2,1; Spring Fever 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4,3; Scouters 2 4,3,2; Bomb 4; Ranger Challenge 3,2,1; CPL 3; Club-44 3,; D&A committee 2,1; MIA spring '92 LT 1.

## Rhett R. Cox

**Electrical Engineering / Army**



### *The Russian,Ivan,Chet,Robin*

It seems just yesterday that I was riding to VMI early on the morning of 15 August 1989 and now I'm graduating. I can never repay the Institute for the friendships made and the many experiences that I have gone through. First I like to thank my Mom and Dad for always being there on Sunday night when I called and for all the support they have given me. Thanks Sam and Roxanne for all of the fun when I wasn't at the "I". To all my Delta Co BR's Mole, Shnoz, D. Grubbs Good luck. Rob and Craig thanks for helping me study. To the guys at Ghetto(Opus&Condor) and Goldcoast(rm 109) thanks for the laughs. Pat and Falcon good luck and make me proud. Thanks for the fun Batman. To all of "my rats" from Dco and the mass of 96, good luck. Hutch and Higgi, stay crazy and I will miss you guys forever.

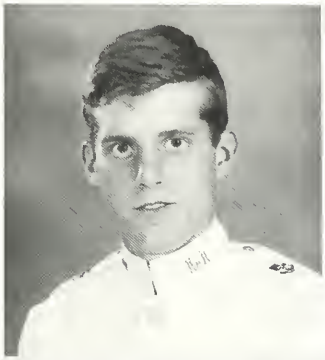
Dyke 1990 - Daren Payne
Dyke 1996 - Pat Bingeman
Kevin"Falcon"Faust

*Stafford, VA*

Cadre 3,2,1; 1st Corporal,3; Master Sergeant 2; Regimental S-1,1; RDC 2,1 President,1; MS IV CO,1; Saturday Night Cocktail Club,3; AC Pro,3; EE Dungeon Dweller; 4,3,2,1; OGA File holder 3,2,1.

## William H. Cox

**Chemistry / Special Student**



### *Box, Buckshot*

I have learned more this year about VMI than I have in the past three years; I don't love it more, or hate it more, I just know it more. I won't miss this place, but I don't regret coming here either. I'm glad that I did come here for all the friends I have made. When I came to VMI, I had this grand notion about what a VMI man was, now I'm not so sure. Maybe I'll find out after I leave. General, Mother, Ned, Jim, and Va. Meade, I would have never come here without y'all, but I also would have never made it through. Craig, John, Jim, and Harry-we all learned one thing about Chemistry huh? Chris, Carter, and Tony-y'all are the best, keep the faith. Travis and Scott-WE DANCE WHERE THE DEVIL WALKS.Wyndham, ahh you are young yet. You can take a boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of a boy.

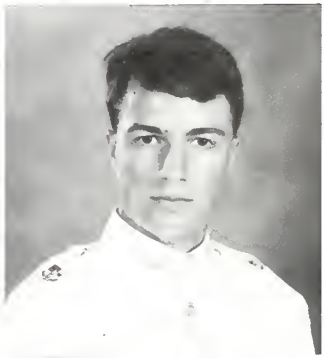
Dyke 1990 - KEATS WADE
Dyke 1996 - Wyndham "Wintergreen"
Buerlein

*Richmond, VA*

Aylett Club 4,3,2,1; Cadet Newspaper 4,3, Asst. Bus. Mgr 2,1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; OGA 1; VMI Firefighters 1; ACS 4,3, (Class rep)2, (sec)1; PA Scandal 3; Circle K 1; PVT 4,3,1 and most of 2.

## Daniel H. Crawford

**Economics / Army**



*Dan*

Well B.R.'s after the past four years I know we would all do it, together - and like it. We ain't scared! I would like to thank: God, for carrying me through life; Mom, for being a great friend and always being there; Dad, you are my Hero and role model; Heather, for being the greatest sister ,(that is why I will never let you date a VMI man.) Mark, Tim, John, Matt, Dave and Sam, thank you for all of the support, laughs and all of the wild times - it won't stop at graduation! Sterl and all the dykes, I wish you the best of luck here, I hope VMI teaches you as much as it has taught me. To all of the fella's - where to this weekend? There were too many good times to mention, but never forget. Keep it Wild!!!

Dyke 1990 - Chip McWilliams
Dyke 1996 - Sterling "Sterl" Sweeney

*Richmond, VA*

Dco XO 1, Sgt. 2, Cpl. 3; "S.T.L." 2,3; Ranger Challenge 1 T.L.,2,3; Richmond Club 1-V.P.; GC/E.C sec. 1; Canterbury Club Pres. 2; Warrior Stallion 4,3,2,1; Econ. study club 4,3,2,1; 09 movie club 1,2

## Martin S. Crawford

**History & I.S. / Special Student**

*"MeLay"*

I am proud to have been a part of VMI these last four years because I worked my butt off to get here and at times to stay here. Thanks "Tool Shed." Without you I would probably still be on the path to misery through a career in the army. "Blackturd" good luck with the women, especially when your dykes are near! Dirt and Butch, you guys are my brothers. We have clicked since we first met at Stanardsville. Confinement and FCP wouldn't have been the same without a few cold beers (ICE COLD) and Butch in the Club. Dirt, well we will probably be Beer vendors at Camden Yards next year so you know the deal. HAMMERJACKS!! Hey it's a living. And Mike "Mop 'n Glow" Wallace you are what this place is all about. Your a pup and the best friend I could ever have. **** this honkey****, I'm gonna get me some MoTown jams!

Dyke 1990 - Andrew Lavin '89
Dyke 1996 - Timothy "Tad" Blackburn

*Three Rivers, TX*

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; CWRT 3,2,1; Fire Fighters 1, Cadet Battery 3; Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; CRC 2; Marshall Museum Attendant 3,2,1; Dean's List 4; VANG 4,3,2,1; 34 Cocktail Club 2,1; Beverly Hills Heckle Club 2,1

## Clinton S. Crone

**History / Special Student**

*Clint, Sanman*

After the first two Crone's attended the I it was only destiny that the next two would c I used to wake up every morning and ask m why I came here, but Dad always told me can't beat an education." I can't expres gratitude I have for my family in suppo everything I've done the past four school y If everyone had a family like mine, the world would certainly be a perfect one. I h have made you all proud. Gil, it seemed we often so far apart at times, but you certainly a heart of gold- thanks for being there. what can I say? You have listened to me plain for four years and you never turned back. Your absence has certainly made my grow fonder- I Love You dearly. Farewell and hang in there Brady- it will be over b you know it.

Dyke 1990 - Finnie Coleman
Dyke 1996 - Tim "Bump" Brock
Carter Mackey

*Portsmouth, VA*

Baseball 4,3; The Cadet 2,1; OGA 1; Virgin Private; semesters of confinement and bad grades 4,3; Long road trip.

## Jeffrey G. Cross

**International Studies / USMC**

*Mr. Crux, Meat-hooks*

y life has changed quite a lot during my at this Institution. I have gone through so ny mental, physical, and spiritual changes in place that I feel I've aged a decade in the ce of only four years. During this time I've nged my major three times, changed roomates e times, and changed my career goals more es than I can count. All of these changes can ttributed to learning. VMI teaches you so ch; one is bound to leave a very different vidual as compared to when one arrives. But is not fun and games here, it is hard. I can estly say I will never regret it. I will leave l as a very confident Marine 2nd Lieutenant. my mother, my relatives, and Mike and Erik, ks for helping me get through this place!

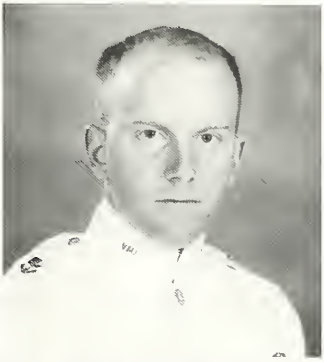
e 1990 - Mike Kimberly
e 1996 - Larry "hard core" Machabee

*Stockton, CA*

Cpl 3, Msgt. 2, Pvt. 1, Special Operations Platoon 4,3, ational Club 4,3, Timmons Music Society 4,3, VMI Service Commitee 2, Narcissist Club 2,1, Rat Training ader 1, Semper Fi 4, Bulldog Platoon 2, Ac Stars

## McCarrell A. Crumrine

**History / USMC**



*Mac, Crum*

My four years at VMI are almost over. It has been an experience I will never forget. There were a lot of bad feelings towards the "Institute" until my first class year. Now, in my final year, I truly appreciate the numerous lessons that V.M.I. has taught me. I have learned to persevere and drive on in allcircumstances, and to treasure what is important in life. Along this line, I would like to thank my parents. Without their never ending support, both emotional and financial, I would never have survived this endeavor. The friends that I have made at V.M.I. run a close second to my parents. You all have enabled me to remain sane in an insane place. Thank you all.

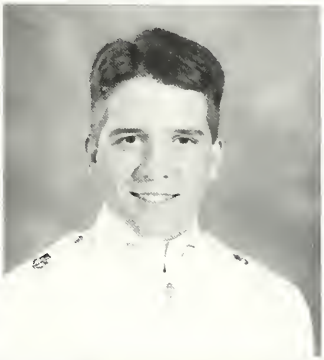
Dyke 1990 - Ian Duthie
Dyke 1996 - Andrew Mezzadri

*Washington, PA*

Honor Court, Cadet Capt., MSgt., Cpl., Sigma Delta Pi, Road Runners, Marine Corps Marathon, Taft Society Pres., Semper Fi Society, Dean's List, balding

## Mark D. Cumashot

**Economics / Navy**



*Yogi, Slowcooms, Cujo*

What can I say? My first class year has finally come. My dyke said that time goes by faster as you progress through your cadetship, and time has kept up with that promise. I want to say thanks to Mom, Sister, and Bill. We've been through some rough times lately but without you I couldn't have made it through these last four years. To my roommates and close friends, Dan, Slim, John, Tay, Dave, and Sambo, we have had the best of times and the worst of times, none to ever be forgotten! With the bonds we've made, I know that our friendships shall never end! John and Bryon, you are what is left of me when I am gone, keep your head up, and it will be over before you know it. Pop, the memories I have of you I will cherish for the rest of my life. GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS!

Dyke 1990 - Kelly Bledsoe
Dyke 1996 - John "Cupid" Adams
Bryon "Ninja" Womack

*Richmond, VA*

Company XO 1; First SGT 2; CPL 3; Investment Club 2,1; RDC 2,1; 09 Club 3,2,1; Econ Study Club 3,2,1; Richmond Club 1; Summer Scholar 4,3,2,1; Procrastination 4,3,2,1

## William C. Currie

**Electrical Engineering / Air Force**

*Kid*

These past 4 years have been a great experience for me, hopefully the last great one. Although VMI has been the toughest four years of my life, I believe it has taught me many skills that will be helpful in the years to come. I have found the best of friends whom I can depend on and trust. Thanks roommates for putting up with a lot of disputes over the years. Later F-Troopers. There's no one as strack as us. And to all those who live in 235 maybe you too can get away with a keg in your room. And most of all, thanks mom and dad for giving me the opportunity to attend a school such as VMI. Without your help I could not have made it.

Dyke 1990 - Terrance Kerner
Dyke 1996 - Chad "Pie" Gill

*Richmond, VA*

Cadre 3; IEEE 4,3,2,1; VMI Fire Fighters 4; Lieutenant 4, Sergeant 3; Corporal 2; Private 4,3,2, Club 235 2, F Trooper 4,3,2,1.

## Brian S. DaRin

**English / Army**

*Bud, DaaRin*

When I was a 3rd my father said "your going to be a virgin private for 4 years, aren't you?" I replied "Yep, maybe even longer." Well, it proved to be true. I'll be here all next year. I feel like I have missed out on the first semester this year even though a semester break from the old "I" wouldn't hurt anyone. It gives one a decent perspective, some time to party and relax. I'm going to miss my right hand Dom next year: fighting, pillow talk, girls thinking we were twins, being idiots and enjoying it. Oh Dom, you talk too much also. And Tommy, but he will be here next year too. I never thought I was front page news until W&L graced their cover with the names of Me, Youngclause & Butler. Oh well, that Frat asked for it. I thank my parents, sisters, Coach B(Even if I got us lost in FLA he still had fun) and God. See ya next year!

Dyke 1990 - Tim Feagans
Dyke 1996 - None

*Skaneateles, NY*

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Den Head (English Society) 3,2,1; Timmons Soc 2; Newman Club 3,2,1; Virgin Private; Stallion 4,3,2,1; Blind Block Runner

## Christopher T. Davila

**English / Special Student**

*Squirrel, Scooter*

I am coming out of this place knowing m about myself than I ever thought possible remember all the lonely times and also the g times which every male encounters when th ing for that ultimate goal- Graduation. I c because I wanted to laugh and I laughed bec I wanted to cry. I learned how to follow a learned how to lead. But, most important learned what type of person I am and what capable of doing. To my roomates— Bill, Ca and Tony— thanks for the laughs. Thanks C for all the talks. All my love goes out to Mother and Father, Jeff, Scott and to Ann. Th for being there for me.

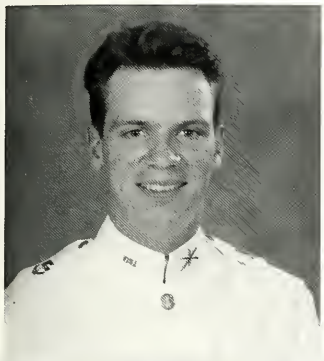
Dyke 1990 - Mark Craft
Dyke 1996 - Jay Hatcher

*Richmond, VA*

Varsity Tennis Letterman 4,3,2,1; Tennis Team Capt Lieutenant 1.

## Scott F. Davis

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Student**



***Skippy, Scottie D***

Wow! It's over! For such a Hell-of-a-place, s been a huge part of my life. Why? Ask Mom. ever would have made it without the BRs. It's abbitt season. As for The Roommates, Alex, e, Brian: thanks for the laughs. Don't fret Alex, l pick you up for dinner at Ft. Knox, Ft. pache, Ft. Okee-dokee, or wherever you'll do ne. The Carribean girls are calling. Vic you get emotional on me. Geesh! Stay away from girls lling cops. Brian, stay away from things that go mp in the night, especially 250 LB ones. No u can't use my blanket. Mom, I can never pay you for your love and care, through VMI d my entire life. I love you. Bill thanks for the port, Teiro the eare packages, Rob the bruises. odbye to the "I". The song remains the same, n just glad I won't be there to hear it.

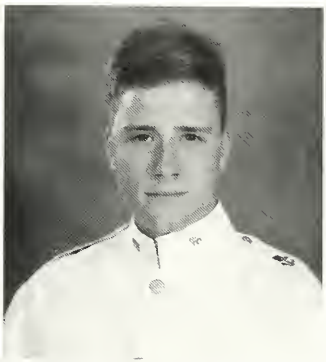
ke 1990 - J.P "Lanzilittle" Lanzillotta
ke 1996 - Lawson Fanney

*Arlington, VA*

et Staff 3,2,1/2; ASME 1; NSPE 2,1; XO Cadre 1; Member f e "10"; Rat Training Plt Ldr (not by choice); Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 1 65+++++MPH Club of VA.

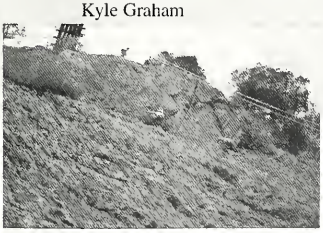
## Daniel F. DeLawyer

**History / Special Student**



I have wallowed in this sea of sorrow for four years too long. My stint as toy soldier is over and I can say with a straight face that it was like the proverbial transparent eyeball. My roomies, Chaunce, Gorpig and Louis, the contemptuous louts that you are, none of you will ever get any cleaner. The guys on the Lax team, Claus, Gillie et.al. we gave coach an ulcer. Of course there are too many people that I am wholeheartedly grateful to for getting me through. I will remain forever in debt to my mother for the strength she has given me. Mr.& Mrs. Claus, Gillies parents, Mr. C, and Mr.& Mrs. Petrillo, you all treated me like I was your own. VMI will always be the bain of my existence. I will get the Order of Lenin for this. To sum it up in a nutshell, "The horror, the horror."

Dyke 1990 - Scott Spellmeyer
Dave Stanley
Dyke 1996 - Dave Belfiore
Kyle Graham



*Baldwinsville, NY*

Corporal 3 Sargeant 2 Lieutenant 1 Varsity Lacrosse Team 4,3,2,1 Team Capt. CIG 1 Pre Law Society 2,1 Pre Law Society President 1 Sons of the Fatherland 4,3,2,1

## James R. Delk

**Chemistry / Army**

***Jim, Jamie, Delkie, B.I.F.F.!***

Four years ago, I started my journey into the "VMI Experience." Who would have thought I of all people would have choosen a military school to get a degree? Through my years here I have prepared to enter the great big "civilian" world, no thanks to the administration. I have also learned to depend on people in a way I had not thought possible. There was Oppie, who was my conscience, psychiatrist, and my patient, always ready to give or receive bad advice. Buck was there to remind me that I stressed out too damn much. Duck kept my mind open and was always an example of what not to wear. Billy, John, Montoya, and Craig allowed me to survive the wide range of faculty personalities while making feeble attempts at Chemistry. Gir-Pig, my associate and evil twin, reminded me that life was more than work and girl's schools were as bad as advertised. Also, to ensure a wild time were A-Frame, Ranger Bob, Crafty, Tuck, Petey-TD, and most of my BR's. Finally, to give credit where it is due most: HELP RECEIVED - GOD.

Dyke 1990 - Chris "RANGER" Larlee
Dyke 1996 - Andy Baker
Sean McMurry

*Lakeland, FL*

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; ACS 3,2 Pres 1; BOMB 3 Sec Ed 1; Ring Figure Magazine 2; MNMB asst S-5; Rugby 3,2; BSU 4,3 Council 2,1; Deans list 4,3,1; Col. Fuzzy Fan Club 2; Academically Extinguished 4,3,2,1; Unauthorized Hair 3,2,1; Ghetto(Club 44) 3,2,1; Uptown 2,1; Stubborn 4,3,2,1

## Jason R. Denham

**English / Navy**

*J.D., Denmoo, cheesy*

They say that VMI is a great place to be FROM. Well, I'm not from their yet, and unfortunately the Sweet Inspirations are not beating down my door. Nonetheless, for some unknown, irrational reason, I find myself thanking the "I" for what it has given me. True to form I need to thank my roommates for dealing with me over the years. John, Rod, Craig, the memories are to numerous to list, so I won't try. Ty and Ash, what more could a brother ask for? Mom and Dad, words can't possibly describe how much you mean to me. Thanks for the support, I love you both. Well, with nothing left to say that I can fit within these narrow confines, (appropriately enough) I leave you with the immortal words of "Sha-Na-Na" and Bowser. "Goodnight, sweetheart, goodnight." TCB

Dyke 1990 - Timothy "Bo" Bosetti
Dyke 1996 - Todd Bishop

*Elm Grove, WI*

Dean's List,3,2,1;cpl,3;ICo Ops Sgt,2;2nd Batt S 3,1;English Society,3,2,Pres 1;Timmins Society,3,2,pres 1;English Dept. Asst, 2,1;Confused,Disheartened,and generally P.O.'ed,1

## Michael R. De Spirito

**Economics / Special Student**

*Cowboy, Desperado, Despo*

I came to VMI with the attitude of not knowing what I was getting into. Now I'm leaving VMI with the same feeling. This has been the worst and best times of my life all combined into one, if that makes sense. I have many people to thank, and without them I'm not sure I would've made it. My Dad for all those pep letters he sent me, throughout my Rat year. My Mom for all the care packages that she sent to keep me alive here. And for the best roomates I had, my Rat roomates Ramsey and Robinson. It was hell guys, but I couldn't have made it without you. To my roomates Brad, John, and Mark it has been real! Brad and the RDC, Mark you are very punctual, and John you are one of a kind. To my Daytona friends Darin, Mike, and Vic it was great, we have to do it again sometime. I feel that VMI has done its job in preparing me for future life, at least let's hope so...

Dyke 1990 - Brad Lawrence
Dyke 1996 - Mike "Ogar" Ohleger

*Manassas, VA*

Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Vice-President CIG 1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; TEBA 2,1; Big Brother Little Brother 1; Virgin Private

## Andrew D. Desroches

**Civil Engineering / Special Studei**

*Andy*

CADRE!! The second time around, a y later and a year dumber. "Thirds eat ----, S Did I ever get a wake up call. Martin, remem wearing my gym shirt on the third stoop. Jan the boys are back in town. The girls of summer of 91 and 92 that said goodbye, relati ships doomed, as we sailed back on the V.M ship of fools. Hatchman, work on your tolera level and say "Hi" to Victoria Secret for Steve, stay away from the aluminum cans, I'll try to stay away from cute red headed wom Through all the good and bad times "I just w to party with my Brother Rats." Special tha to Club 178, the Class of 1993, and my c family. Sorry I missed your wedding Alanr

Dyke 1990 - Robert White '89
John Stehn
Dyke 1996 - Steve Reed

*Cape Coral, FL*

Private 4,2,1; Corporal 3; Marginal Grades 4,3,2,1; Academic Probation 4,2; Vice President Water Polo 1; Water Polo 4,3,2,1.

## Jose A. De Varona

**History / Army**

*Cuervo, Devo*

I can't believe that it's all coming to an end. would not of made it without the support and ve of my family. Mom and Dad - Look ! I'm ally graduating! Thanks for always being there r me. I know I don't always show it but I love u both and always will. Annette - you'll never te anyone from VMI. Joe - we'll open our ach side bar when I get out of the Army. Mark, v, Chamby - club 449! Skippy - which one? ate, Michelle Y., Michelle F. or Julie!? Brian how about them fat chicks! Vic - want some odles? As for the unauthorized boxing team - e Olympics in '96! Hey there Rm 103 and I11 is there a mixer tonight? Primo - Que esta sando? RC - No more fellas! Don - if your in iami don't arrest my relatives! Dykes good ck! I MADE IT !

Dyke 1990 - Greg Sandway
Dyke 1996 - Chris Arnoldy
Jesse Janay

*Springfield, VA*

C, Master Sgt, Lt; Varsity Soccer 4; Ranger Challenge 3,2,1; SA 4,3,2; RDC; Vic Kane and Mike Howard Fan Club 4,2,1.

## Charles A. Dittmer

**I.S. / Special Student**

*Chuck, Psycho ,Ditthead*

In the innocence of youth I voluntarily chose to sentence myself to our mighty bastion of southern secular manhood—V.M.I. Why, I don't know. Needless to say, I HAD FUN! Many thanks to my rat roommates, Mike, Martin, Marc, and Mike, for all the good times and helping me through our rat line. If it weren't for Maj. Brodie, the Band, Brass Ensemble, and especially Mike, Keith, Doug, and Matt of the '93 Quintet, my four years here would have been dull and uneventful. Most unforgettable—my partner in crime and BR Jeff, our dedication to the Pistol Team was the ONLY thing that kept me at VMI. Most importantly, the love and support of my mom, dad, and sister made my existence here tolerable. Finally, to my beloved fiance' Gennie, you gave me the desire to make it here day-after-day.

Dyke 1990 - John Hahn
Dyke 1996 - Josh Hawkins

*Kansas City, MO*

Virgin Private; Band 4,3,2,1; Brass Ensemble 4,3,2,1; '93 Brass Quintet 4,3,2,1; VMI Pistol Team 3, (CAPTAIN) 2 & 1.

## Marvin E. Dodson III

**I.S. / Special Student**

*Mole, Moose*

On August 15, 1989 I had no idea of what I getting into when I entered Cameron Hall. Cadre week was even more of a shock. Of course, I was even more surprised with the events of the following years. Staying here would have been impossible without my parents. I am sure it will be worth the trouble in some way. Hunter, rat year would have been boring in any other room. Rob, move out and see something other than the south. Rich, if you become a cop I will stay out of New York. Lonnie, keep her in perspective. Jeff and Tom I hope I have prepared you for the years to come, it doesn't get much easier. Keep academics as first priority. Live for the weekends and you will get through it.

Dyke 1990 - Samuel N. Stocks
Dyke 1996 - Jeff Weidner
Tom Berkery

*Harpers Ferry, WV*

Cadet Battery 3,2; X-mas Vandal 3; EC #1 recipient 3; Cpl 3; Sgt 2.

## Matthew S. Eads

**French / Special Student**

***Schmoo, Eadstein, At Ease***

At VMI, no one really knows what will become of them. I am certainly no exception and all of a sudden it is time to graduate; I still do not know what will become of me. The friends that I made while here are the best in the world. My roomies- Dave, Steve, and Todd (and sometimes Hans)- have been like brothers. We've had the great times together you guys-thank you. I truly believe that I had the best rat room of them all-Rob, Po, and again Steve - what a year that was!(Agent Orange lives) I hope we all remain in contact and see a lot of each other in the future. Quill '90- Thank you for your help and guidance. John '96- Keep up the grades and get that pilot slot that I wanted. Thanks to my parents for support and tuition. I'll make you proud. Miriam-you have been wonderful; thank you for being there.

Dyke 1990 - Quill O. Healey
Dyke 1996 - John P. Mills

*tlanta, GA*

mittee 3,2; Canterbury Club 4,3; 4,3,1, Sgt nd Program 2,1; Pilot 1; Arnold Air Society 4,3.

## C. Scott Eanes

**International Studies / Navy**

***Eor, Mouse, Mergie***

When I came to VMI, I didn't know what I was getting into. There were quite a few times when I said to myself, "you don't belong here." Somehow, however, I managed to accomplish what I had set out to. Room 148 was great Rat year. You guys really made this place worth living through. VMI gave me a great opportunity to have a special year in Germany and to meet a special person. That time by itself makes up for a lot of hardship. Now that my time here is almost over I can say that I'm actually proud ofmyself for doing it, but hell if I'd ever do it again! Room 105, you've been great! Doug, I wish you the best at the "I" or USAFA (You Air Force Loser!) To VMI I say good-bye. It hasn't been all fun, but I guess something worth-while seldom is.

Dyke 1990 - Ken Markwalter
Dyke 1996 - Doug Russell

*Lynchburg, VA*

Virgin Private; Delta Phi Alpha 3,2,1; Bundeswehr Exchange 2; Fencing Team 4,3,2,1; Trident Society 1; Drug/Alcohol Abuse Committee 3.

## Kris D. Edelman

**Civil Engineering / Special Studer**

***Edelberg, Edel, Edes***

So much has changed in so little tim almost feel as if some things have passed me Of course I always had my brother there remind me what college life could have maybe should have been like, but I have f regrets. To my roommates Kev and Jon, memories will live forever. Kev, one day y may learn that the south is better! Jon, one you just might compromise your way int diploma, from your rack of course, hang in th bud! To Jamie never lose sight of your goals. my parents I owe a lifetime of thanks for all y love and support, I love you both! To Scot guess we did all right for ourselves, eh? Fin to Tracy, thank you for caring and sticking by I know it's been tough, but now we have the of our lives to celebrate.

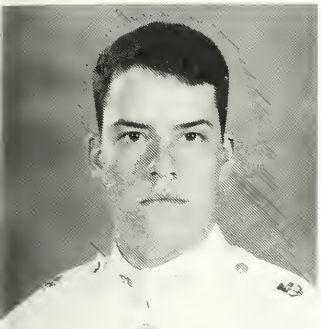
Dyke 1990 - John Washington
Dyke 1996 - Matt Kessler

*Virginia Beach, VA*

Football 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; V Private

## Timothy C. Ervin

**History / Army**



*Tim, Timmy ,Erv, Slim,*

Here's to all the good times, bad times, and between times. To SMOKIN' ACID, DNECK MUSIC, 3rd class year and espe-lly CECELIA. To the 209 candy store, and RF . To 6 of the best friends I will ever have: Yogi, yer, Craford, Matty, Dave, and Sambo. To my l, for every little thing and my mom always ing the bright side. To my brother, you can do o and my sisters, I wish I could've done it the y you did. THANK YOU ALL! To my friends o play the fastest sport on 2 feet, and the coach o controls it. To all the great friends I've de, you know who you are. To my best friend n Horgan, the lover and the dreamer in me. To freshmen of 109 take what you can, while you , it'll soon be gone. To Andrew, take all that e taught you and pass it down the line. Finally, um up VMI, "YOU CAN'T WIN!"

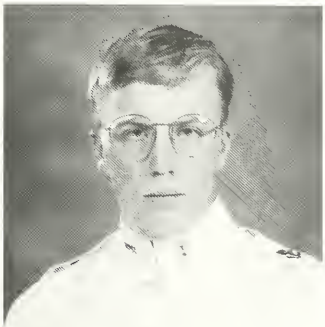
ke 1990 - Mark Dick
ke 1996 - Andrew "Dillo" Armiger

*Towson, MD*

osse 4,3,2,1(CAPTAIN); S.T.1 2,3; Scuba Club 1; rior Stallion 4,3,2,1; Gold Coast 3,2,1; Bad Mood 2,1; Summer Scholar 4,3,2; Rat 4, Pvt 3, Sgt/Pvt 2, Batt 1; Waterbug 4,3,2,1

## Craig A. Eubank

**Electrical Engineering / Navy**



*Cluebank, U-be ,Little Crank*

"T friends taught me a lot, and they helped keep me on the path to graduation. Greg, remember "high speed and no drag" and 3RD class year. Room 140, here's to our pow-wows. Nathan, drinking is all that needs to be said. Jim, just remember the "chair." Mitch, the 61 sons made it. Rod, we stared death in the guard rail and laughed. Jason, remember "Col. B fiasco." John, spring break will always be in my mind. Good luck roomies. Mom and Dad, I'm proud to be your son. Chris, you're the reason I came-I love you. Shawn, you're the fourth Eubank to come here - don't let us down.

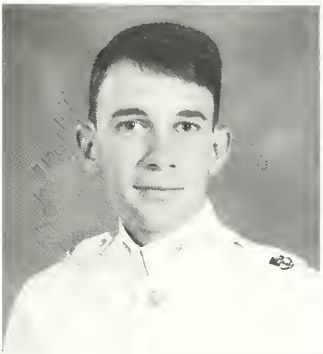
Dyke 1990 - Bryan Haslam
Dyke 1996 - Shawn "Muffin" McFadden

*Roanoke, VA*

Dean's Honor List 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars 1; Corporal 3; PLT Sergeant 2; India Co. Guide-on 1; Cadre 3; Unauthorized Late Study 3,2,1; Cadet Staff 1

## Eric R. Eversole

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**



*Shnoz, Wasp, Thorax*

I can't believe it's finally over. We are finished with our tour at VMI. Mom and John, thank you for all your help and support. I can't thank you enough. I wouldn't be here now if it weren't for you. Even though I don't say it very much, I do love ya'll. Elizabeth, thank you for being there when I needed you. I love you and "someday" is just around the corner. Dallas and Adam, you guys are my best friends. We have been through a lot together. Some of it good and some not, but we finally made it. B.R.'s, we have come a long way since rat year. We made it through the Ratline, the academic Ratline, we wear The Ring, and now we are graduating. The friends that I have made here at VMI are my best friends. And to the "fellas," good luck to all of you and keep in touch.

Dyke 1990: Lenny Carson
Dyke 1996: John DiDio
Sam Nolan

*Chesapeake, VA*

Cpl 3; First Sgt 2; Delta Co. Commander 1; Cadre 3,2,1; RDC 1; TCFC 3; Economics and Business Assoc.; Dean's List(1 Semester)

## Peter C. Fang

**Mechanical Engineering / Army**

***Chu-Wu***

Going to VMI was the smartest decision in my life. Getting through VMI and RAT year was an accomplishment, and I couldn't have made it without the support, and love of my grandma, mother, father, James, and Cecilia. Thanks to my beloved family, and my dyke John for guiding me through RAT year. To my rat Dat, study hard and have fun and time will fly for the next three years. For all Chinese cadets, General Patton said "By perseverance, study and eternal desire any man can become great.", see you in Taiwan. I am greatly appreciated the help from General Wen '44 for getting me a commission in the Chinese Armed Forces.

Dyke 1990 - John L. Stehn
Dyke 1996 - Dat V. Lam

*Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.*

Cadet Water 3,2,1; Rat Training 2; Ranger Platoon 2,1; International Club 4,3,2,1; Volleyball team 3

## Sean C. Farley

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

***Soloflex, Farles***

There was never really any choice of leaving this place once I matriculated, but I believe that I made the right choice, at least in a life long sense. It's easier than I thought it would be to get in trouble at VMI, but my luck doesn't seem to have run out yet. Most of the time, it seems as if the only good thing about this school is the corps. Truth be told though, the friends more than make up for the unsatisfactory environment. Thanks guys. Thank you Mom and Dad. With out you, these last four years of hell would not have been possible. Steve, thanks for your advice and support. Kyle- who knows what it could have been like. Although you took an opposite path, I think you make a fine tree hugger. Thank you Kerry for the letters and cookies- especially rat year. I love you guys.

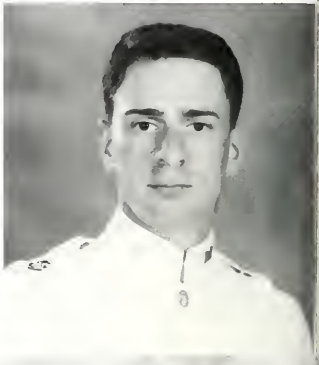
Dyke 1990 - Rob Uhorchuck
Dyke 1996 - Jon "Gone on Vacation" Swenson

*Paoli, PA*

Virgin Private; Rat Training Cadre 3; Deans List 1; Ring Figure Magazine 2; Mud Soldier 2; Sigma Delta 1

## Kenneth M. Feeley

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Studer**



***Ken, Ken-bo, Slice***

What is the best beer? "Free Beer!" I lea this from Ken. Ring figure-alcohol poison Mixers-hangovers and Spanky's- Norm's were only a few of the legends ken has left. the workout! That's right, somehow Ken maintained his 2.3 GPA in between his drink Ken was not the average ME, how many stud set their professors on fire and still got an A? got along with everyone except a cer ranker...doooe...Bart! So He never got rank. was O.K., because he got a complimentary C locker to keep his bar in. Amazing how th was avoided. All in all we laughed some, c some and complained a lot, I couldn't have a for a better roommate or friend. If you really to know what it was like to be with us, read C and Hobbes. G.B.

Dyke 1990 - Andrew T. Mergens
Dyke 1996 - James J. Johnson

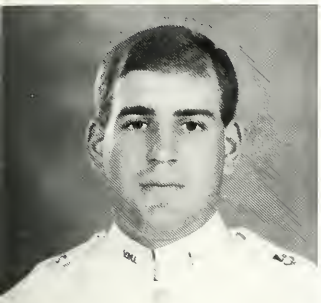
The End

*Winthrop, MA*

Virgin Private; OGA; Rat Training 4,1; Club Crozet M 4,3,2,1; Misunderstood 4; Inebriated 3,2 JMU 1.

## Kevin R. Feese

**Economics & Business / Army**



*Feese-man, Fetus*

Vell here I am. So much has changed in so le time. I have so many good and not so good mories, but so does everyone. I have made ny lasting friendships. The good times came h my roommates Kris and Jon, and yes you too ıalen. You guys made this place not just ırable but fun. Even though you three will be k next year, I'll be with you in spirit. The real started with breakout and ring figure. Also ɔs with my roommates, friends, and girlfriend a. You have meant so much to me and now can begin our lives together. But of course my atest thanks goes to my parents, who helped with their constant loving support in every y through the good and bad times. I could er thank you guys or begin to repay the great t that I owe to you.

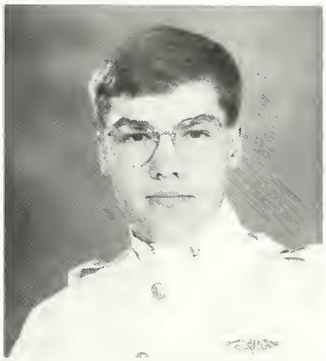
:e 1990 - Vic Sabino
:e 1996 - Mike Waltz

*Shamokin, PA*

owall 4,3,2; Ranger Co. 1; TEBA 3,2,1; CIG 1; Virgin n ie

## Lonnie M. Fender

**Electrical Engineering / Navy**



*Lonster, Defender*

Mom and Doug, thanks. You're both great! Dad, I love you and hope that I gave you a son to be proud of up there; I felt you were with me every step of the way. Thanks to all of my roommates, especially Ra, Fred, and John, the C Co. and EE BR's, Buck, Matt B. (Just say no to MIT), Rob R., Marty D. (You will get married one day), Pratty and the dykes, the EE profs, the LT's at the unit, and everyone that I neglected to mention. Zak, keep the faith and you'll make it. VMI, you've been good, you've been bad, but you've never been boring; thanks for the lessons. Go Navy Nuc, Dolphins Forever!! Goodbye VMI, it is time to get into the real world and start living. I'm off to Orlando: see you down under. Later!

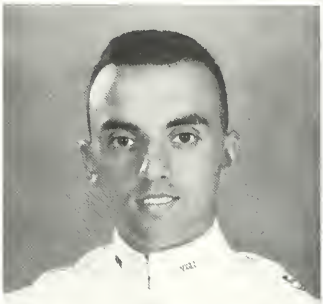
Dyke 1990 - Chris "Pratty" Pratt
Dyke 1996 - Zak Shifflett

*Yorktown, VA*

Sgt 2; Cpl 3; Pvt 4,3,2,1; N.M.H.G. 4; AC Stars 3,2,1; Inst./ Navy Scholar 4,3,2,1; TBP 2,1(Treas.); PKP 2,1; EKN 2,1(Pres.); IEEE 2,1; Stress Club 4,3,2,1

## John D. Fernandez

**I.S. - Spanish / USMC**



*LAB, Peronandez, Sonic*

My history: Rat year I had McKinney's "you know the deals," Finan's "freakins," and the best Brother Rats I could ever hope for; third class year I only had two flights of stairs to climb and I waited for the next year; second class year we got our rings; and first class year I finally started to realize it was all worth it. In between there were: Sir and Quasar-induced flashbacks; MEEK-MERP-MEGERP-BERP from a suspender-wearing German impersonator who jumped out of doorways (but also a friend): all sorts of Peros (PeroRick and PeroDarin); Herr Bill who thrives on annoying others; Don who forces smiles even at BRC's; Tom who...well (whatever, man, he can make the call); Rm 101 where anyone who entered would leave baffled: Heavy "D," Scott (DJO!), Mike, and my brother and pal for life, Brad; and finally my eight best friends at home who, without them, I couldn't have done any of this.

Dyke 1990 - Andy Hoofnagle (and Cabell)
Dyke 1996 - Ryan "Stimpy" Strimple

*Vienna, VA*

Intl Club 3;Intl Rel club 1;VMI Firefighters 321;Firing Squad 32; Intl Studies Newsletter 3;Sigma Delta Pi 32,pres 1;Phi Alpha Theta 21,Phi Kappa Phi 21;Institute Honors Program 321;Semper Fi Society 321;Bulldog 2;cpl 3;S-2 sgtT 2;Who's Who 1;NAFAC delegate 2.

## M. Sean Fisher

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

***Fish, Fishmeister, etc.***

I followed my brother and my father to this wonderful home away from home 4 years ago. While I can say that I have had many second thoughts, I can honestly say that I never had any regrets about coming here. The Corner has helped in that respect. T, LT, Boogs, Smith, Cres, New Man, Lee, Tuck, Rusty, and Sponge you guys have made time go faster than I ever thought possible. LT, good luck with the whip. Boogs, ...Huuuuaahhh! T..JMU? VCU? Elon? Radford? Ya Got Me! 452, 4 out of 5 ain't bad. Scott, I hope I was as good to mine as you were to me. Karl, put a lot in and you will get a lot out. Mom & Dad, I wouldn't have made it with out your support, I love you. From The Boss "It's a town full of losers, I'm pulling out of here to win!"

Dyke 1990 - Scott Klion
Dyke 1996 - Karl Renne

*Yorktown, VA*

VMI Theatre 4,3,2,1; Plug & Chug Editor 2,1; ASCE Secretary 2,1; Member "The Corner" 3,2,1; Attempted academic suicide 3,2,1; Chapter GP UBB 3,2,1

## Raymond L. Flowers Jr.

**History / Special Student**

***F.D., B-Boy, Big Daddy***

It seems only like yesterday I walked through those arches of the Institute a scared boy. Soon I will walk through those same arches a scared young man, scared of what the real world has in store for me. I can't say that the "I" has been a bed of roses, because it most certainly has not. To those who stood by me and believed in me Thank-You !! For those who doubted me, second-guessed and turned their backs on me and said I wouldn't make it. I also Thank-You. You supplied the inspiration to help me keep on keeping on. To my mother and father; without you two people I would not have weathered the storm, you guys made it to all 44 and much, much more. What you have given me can never be duplicated. I love you both. Now to all my fellas; we've traveled the rocky road and a few of us have fallen by the side. I hope that it has all been worth it. Remember that all good things come to those who wait. We've waited 4 long years, now it is our time to grasp the brass ring. Best Wishes to you all and THANKS for the memories.

Dyke 1990 - Lionel Ashley Taylor
Dyke 1996 - Demond Farebee
Mark Stepheson
Jay Robinson

*Greensboro, NC*

Varsity football 4,3,2,1; Varsity Baseball 3,2,1; Promaji Club Vice-President 2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Southern Conference Baseball 2; Virgin Private; Pounder 4,3,2,1.

## Patrick E. Foley

**Civil Engineering / Army**

***Axle, Shamius, FNG***

It's hard for me to believe that there is end in sight. I would love to say that I thorough enjoyed my four years but that wouldn't be tr I've had some good times, however they we mixed up with a lot of bad times. I hope that o day I can look back and say, "I'd do it again i heart beat!" As much as I gripe about VMI, it h given me four memorable years that I will ch ish to the grave. It has given me the chance accomplish things that before didn't seem c tainable. It has given me brother rats that I w never forget. To my roomies I can't thank y enough for everything. Big Al, you helped mature in every way and I can't thank y enough. Mom, Dad, Colleen, Brendan, Be Stockett, and Winky, you've been an integ part of my life and I love you all.

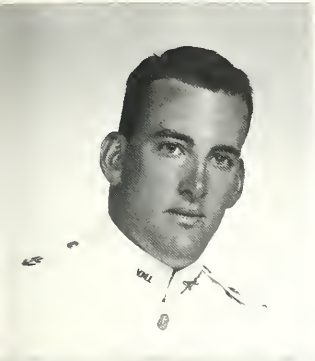
Dyke 1990 - David "Razor" Gillette
Stephan "Whitey" Herzog
Dyke 1996 - Gregory "Bam-Bam" Bamford

*Harwood, MD*

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; First Class Pvt. 1; Academic Stars 1; Water 4,3,2,1; Marathon 3; LRRR 2,1; L.A. Law Society 3,2,1; Beta Pi 1;

## Dom D. Ford

**Spanish / USMC**



### *Dominic Fordicelli,Colonel*

I know it ain't over til the Fat Lady sings but in hear her warming up right now. I've nged a great bit over the last 4 years. I think t least sope that it's been for the best. Some gs will never change - Brian you still won't t up, but I love ya anyways - that goes for you Tommy. I've had some great times - VMI n and chug victory, the friendship ruck, trips to JMU with the guys, the escape from J, hate sessions at SRC, OCS with Billy Butts ler - love ya man. Drinking a few tinies w/ my Kev - JODER TIO! To the swim team - we not always win but we've go the biggest ttitude. To mom and pop, thanks for putting vith all of my goofy, idiot boy ways. I love both - I've finnaly made it - sing Fat Lady, !

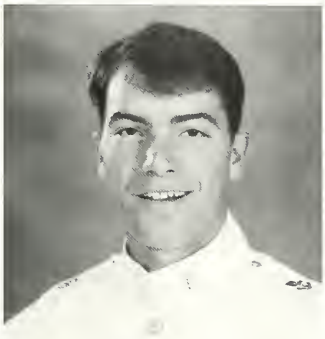
e 1990 - Bill Arnold
e 1996 - Brian DaRin

*Ft Worth, TX*

Pvt; Varsity Swim Team 4,3,2,1; Ken Duncan Veteran; irgin; Spain

## Clifford Foster, IV

**Economics / Dept. of Defense**



### *Clavin, Dud*

I had the privilege of being part of one the best group of guys, the VMI Tennis Team - Squirrel, Googs, Oilcan Boyd, Larry, Erik, Woody, Kordo, Pete, Coach Alrutz. I will never forget the guys, the stories, the team. Through three years here and one year in Richmond, I think I have learned what it means to be from VMI. Honor in your words and actions. Friends above self. Never forget who you are, where you are, and how you got there. I could not have made it without the following and I thank them - Mom, Dad; Hunter '90; Mayberry & Phi Delt; Googs; Woodfins '61,'91; Marechals '62,'92; Squirrel; Steve '89; Biff '91; Jon '92; Petzold '92; 203 S. Jefferson; Tom '87; Bill '89; Worrells '62; Smiths '62; room 412; rats of room 150 '96; co-dykes of room 140 '93; and Carter for her patience and waiting.

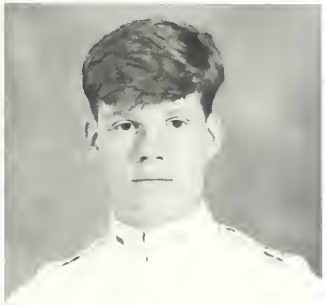
Dyke 1990 - Hunter Lyons
Dyke 1996 - John Pearce

*Mobile, AL*

Varsity Tennis 4,3; Virgin Private 4,3,1; Golf Manager 1, The VMI Cadet 4,3; Army, Navy, Air Force; Real World-Richmond 2; Alabama Crimson Tide Fan Club (life).

## Brandon M. Freel

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**



### *"ACE"*

Well, my four year tour has finally come to an end. I never thought the day would come when I would be sitting here writing my history. My only regret about leaving VMI is leaving the good friends I have made here. Corky (our Rhino), Jim, Matt and the newcomer Shawn have made my stay bearable. Those many late nights of just sitting around trying to understand why we are where we are. I won't forget you guys and will see you at our bi-annual reunions (you too Riedster). Also, rooms 150,148, and 126 have added many unforgettable memories to my life. I thank you guys. I now want to thank my parents. You have been with me through the difficult and easy times. I can always count on you both to be there. You both are truly my best friends. I can't express how much I owe you and love you.

Dyke 1990 - David McGraw
Dyke 1993 - Jason "Smythe" Smith

*Fallston, MD,*

O.G.A Pres. 1; Boxing 4,3; Rugby 2; Roadrunners 1; Summer Scholar 4,3,2; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Con Pro 4

## Robert G. French

**Economic / Special Student**

***Frenchy***

The long road began back in the summer of 1989 and seems funny that it is about to end. Through all of the trials and tribulations I've seemed to have finally reached the end, or maybe just the beginning. I'd like to thank all of the really good friends that I've made here because I would not have gotten this far without you all. But most of all I'd like to thank my parents for giving me the oppurtunity to come here in the hope I would have a better head start in life than they did. I love you both.

Dyke 1990 - Kelly Bledsoe
Dyke 1996 - Josh Olson

*Emporia, VA*

Private 4,3,2,1; Hop and Floor Committee 4,3,2,1; Outreach V.P 1; I-trooper 4,3,2,1.

## Raphael E. Frost

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

***Icky-Blicky, Raf, Est***

Thank's to my mother and father for all they've done for me. Attending VMI never would have been possible without the help of my high-school track coach. Coach Johnson thank you for believing in me, and for giving me an incentive to run track, a full-scholarship to attend college. Thanks to you, many doors have opened for me. Thanks to my family, friends, and everyone else who pushed me to make something of myself. I'd like to give a special thanks to my girlfriend. Afua, thank you for giving me the inspiration to do well in school, and for accepting me for all that I am, good and bad. Now that I've graduated, we can finally start working on making our dreams come true. Deondre, all of what I've been through is for you. Hopefully, you'll be able to have all the things I wanted growing up. See you soon.

Dyke 1990 - Steve Yarbrough
Dyke 1996 - Phillip Alicea
David Office

*Alexandria, VA*

Indoor Track 4,3,2,1; Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; Treasurer Monogram Club 1; Pronaji Club 4,3,2,1.

## Adam C. Galton

**Business & Econ. / Special Studer**

***Grommet,Short-Sh—,Broker***

As I look back over these (4) years I hav smile at all of the crazy things that I've exp enced. I've culminated about (10) years of into my tenure here at VMI. I have new frie and dated some very wild girls. I've found C (Thank you Chap. and Dal) I've learned to t control of my life and shape it for a very succ ful future. I want to thank those whom I love who helped me thru: Thank you Dad, C Mom, Steph, Eliz, the "MUGS INN," Lori, E I will never be able to thank Chuck, Shi Deac. enough! Dal and Shnoz. I will miss miss) the ball-up sessions and the pure abuse levied upon me. Chap, I love you and thank giving me my real future. Final Wisdom: Fol your heart and seek God and you will never

Dyke 1990 - Paul Kricorian
Dyke 1996 - Taylor Smith

*Strasburg, VA*

CIG (V.P., X.O.); VMI OUTREACH (Founder, Pres.); Religious Activities Comm. (V.P., Chap. Marsh.); Martial 4,3; VMI Softball; Corp,Sgt,Lt.; OCF; Comp. Asst.; Mar atten.

## Harry G. Garcia Jr

**iology-Chemistry/Special Student**

*PuertoRican Wonder,Montoya*

ime flies when you're having fun. That's y the past 4 yrs.have seemed like an eternity!: rades, inspections, SAT nights w/the ns(Buffet & Beam) on conf., and the other BS. was fun(at times) being an F-trooper. Thanks mee for giving us a Ratline! To the faithful ub 35 crew:Hurricane Joe, Kid Curry, bblehead, Green Giant Jim, & Jaimee: It uld have not been the same w/o the many usades" and "missions" and SUN Nite story ing. You guys made it a little more bearable was it the Beam?). To the Chem.Crew:Jim, n, Craig,& Billy: No more Lab Rep.! Thanx ve for the room. I can't say I've learned thing good at this place. I hope I did. I'd hate have wasted 4 years of my life. Time will tell... yan con Dios.

ke 1990 - Greg Sandway
ke 1996 - Bertz (quit)

*San Juan, Puerto Rico*

n Private: Summer School 4,3,2; Club 35 3,2; Firefighter ; PC Tree Grower 3,2,1; Palm's Stockholder 2,1; Con- Probation 1; SUN Drinking Club 3,2,1.

## William E. Garrison

**Mechanical Engineering / Navy**

*Bill, B, B.B., Wile E. Coyote*

It would be impossible to sum up everything in one paragraph, and it probably wouldn't be worth reading if I could. So, I'll just leave some personal remarks. To the Caudills and Hammonds-thanks for ensuring a real purpose behind my cadetship. Jay-thanks for not bugging out on me like most of my other roommates, and, by the way, I am the King-A-#1. Phil and Matt, you guys are great. Rat roomies Deac, Dave, and Jon, I couldn't have made it without you. Robert - Good luck, you'll probably need it. God Squad- keep the fire going. BR's in Christ- not goodbye, I'll see y'all later. Mom & Pop & the family - I hope I do y'all proud. Finally, to my God- I know I'll never measure up, but please know that I'm trying. God Bless.

Dyke 1990 - Mark Dick
Dyke 1996 - Robert 'Psycho' Sherwood

*Petersburg, VA*

Religious Activities Committee (Sec)2,(Pres)1; Brass Ensemble 3,2; VMI Outreach 1, Officer's Christian Fellowship 4,3,2,1.

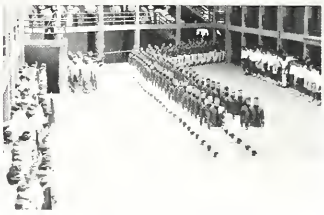
## Robert L. Gay

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Student**

*2Cool, Boryag*

I was told the best way to make it through VMI was one day at a time. Well these days have slowly turned into weeks and those weeks into years. Yes, it has been four long years. Years that I strained (well sort of), years that I struggled (well sort of), years that I excelled (well sort of). One can tell that I did not have a great time here, however, there is one thing that I can say and that is that I made it! What thoughts do I leave behind? Advice . . . none. Helpful hints . . . none. Regrets . . . we all have regrets, however, if you work hard even the worst things can turn out to be helpful. I would like to tell my parents thank you for all the moral support, the food packages, and the telephone bills that you have paid for over the years.

Dyke 1990 - Mark Cager, Brain Pannell, Lennon Mings, A.J Johnson
Dyke 1996 - None



*Cincinnati, OH*

Football 4,3,2,1; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Nintendo 2,1

## Sean J. Gilece

**Electrical Engineering / USMC**

### *Oppie*

It seems as if I entered VMI unexpectedly after 7 months in the Marine Reserve. Life at the Institute started off at a fast pace and graduation has approached quickly, yet it seems like I have been here a lot longer than 4 years. I have changed alot since I first came here, and have been faced with several important decisions. At many times the Institute has seemed like the worst place in the world to be, but I also realized it was impossible, once started, to leave VMI until I had graduated. For giving me the strength to continue through the rough times I thank God; my mother—who has done more for me than most parents would; and my roomate and brother Jonathon. Life here wouldn't have been the same without several good friends: my dyke Todd, rat roomates Joe, EEE, and ranger Bob, my other roomates Rob, Willie, Juan, and Louis, and a shout out to the crew Renrut and Breeze. I am now more than anxious to return to the real world and be commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps.

Dyke 1990 - Todd S. Eckloff
Dyke 1996 - None

*Baltimore, MD*

Private 4,3,2,1; Boxing 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Bulldog 2; Promaji Club 4,3,2,1; Timmons Society 2; HMWHC 2,1

## M. Matthew Gill

**Biology / Special Forces**

### *Fatt, Instigator, E.M.T.*

What to say when you're going away...Far away! To the PARENTS: You footed the bills, gave me wheels & home cooked meals. I'm sorry for the trials of 2nd class year, but I learned from the experience. Thanks for the LOVE and PATIENCE! HEY Deac-Luvr, The Natural Warrior, Martin, Batman, BUDDAAY! EMEEEL!, Hurricane Joe, ----ttlet, Bubblehead, Dim, Kid Currie, The PR Wonder, 24450, Cadet-in-Focus Radford, Brian Cox and MAD MOX...Save me a seat at the employment agency. I'll bring the beer! To F-TROOP: If minimums weren't good enough, they wouldn't be minimums...My Li'l Brother CHAD '96-Things only get worse after Rat Year-Stay with it and study hard, maybe they'll name an arch after us one day! Looking back, a quote from Led Zeppelin: "Good Times, Bad Times, you know I've had my share..."

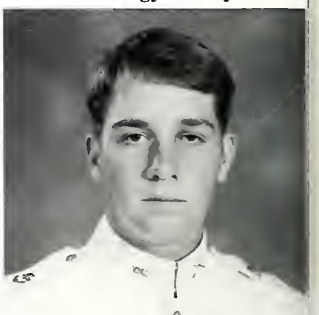
Dykes 1990: Ed Weatherill, Joe Pittman, Rob Gudz
Dykes 1996: Jethro, Mantis, M--s

*Amelia, VA*

Cadre Corporal, SGT, FCo XO & S-2 Lt; Emer. Response Team 2, CIC 1; Trainer 2,1; NSB Library Ass't 2,1; Conduct Pro 3; Dean's List 2; VANDURA pilot 3,2,1

## Spencer W. P. Gill

**Biology / Army**



### *Gillie, Spent, Locksmith*

It all seems like a blur. I can't really [illegible] up these years in just a paragraph. Basic: [illegible] came, I saw, I left, I came back, and I kicked [illegible] But seriously, I'm glad I decided to come [illegible] and put up with this----'n place. I've had so[illegible] the worst times and some of the best times i[illegible] life. As I look back at it now I wouldn't trad[illegible] experience here for anything. Nor would [illegible] through it again. Thanks for taking me in Jiz [illegible] and Kev I couldn't ask for better roommates [illegible] friends I've made here will be my friends fo[illegible] Old Yell!!!

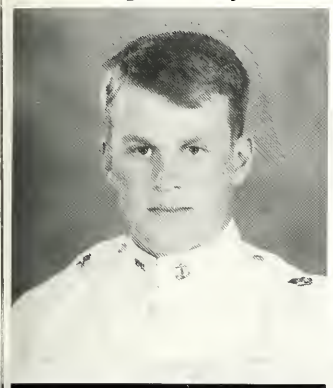
Dyke 1990 - Tom Spivey
Dyke 1996 - Nick Belisimo

*Richmond, VA*

Lacrosse 4,2,1; Captain 1; At JMU 3; Eating team 2,1; U[illegible] boxing 2; Cole Trickle 1; 2 Rat #1's; Pervert bum 2 [illegible] student 1; Ready to leave 4,2,1

## Arthur L. Girard

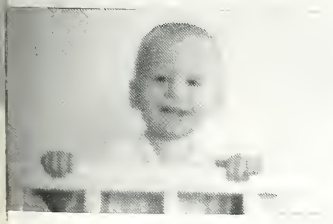
**English / Navy**



*Lee*

I think it's about time I got out of this place! ea, I've had my share of good times, as well as y share of bad times; but one thing is for sure: vould never do it again! I think that the friends ave made here made my stay somewhat bear- le. There are still things I don't understand out this place, and I probably never will find answers. And to be very honest, I still don't nk that it is an honor to march in parades and me back early from furlough. I always got that ot in my stomach whenever I returned from lough, and I will be relieved when I watch MI through the rear-view mirror. Now I can get with my life!

ke 1990 - Kramer Reeves '89
ke 1996 - Scott Henderson

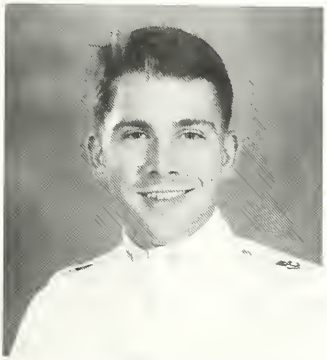


*Richmond, VA*

oral 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; Roadrunners 2; Trident ety 2; Special Operations Platoon 3; VMI Cadet Newspa- 2,1; Rack Club 4,3,2,1

## L. Marc Girling

**Biology / Special Student**



*Gir-Pig, Pig, Lenny*

I leave the Institute with a tear in my eye and a chip on my shoulder. The main reason I came to VMI was to serve my country as a doctor in the U.S. Navy. I am now leaving as an Army Special Student with plans to go nowhere!! Oh well, I can't complain because, overall, VMI has provided me with more than any other school could have: my friends, my life's main source of happiness and love. Like many before me, I always wanted to leave, but could not because of the wonderful friends I had made. Ironically, the ratline - the worst part - forged these friendships. In my four years here, I have gained an education, some discipline, and all that other stuff, but most importantly I have gained a second family. I find it very hard to tear myself away from you all. A-frame: who's your daddy? Walrus: missing something? Biff: have fun in the Army, sucka! Chief: Don't let your meat loaf. Pee-dee T.D.: don't let Col. J get you down! Stay away from Pepe!! Crafty: quit the Bomb! I will miss you all so much! Peace and good luck. I love you all!

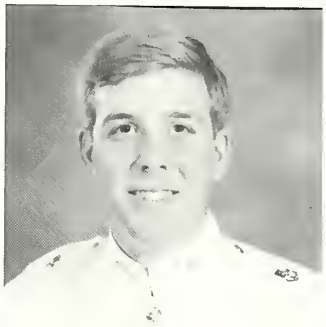
Dyke 1990 - Jay Whittington
Dyke 1996 - Chris "Piglet" Noe

*Chesterfield, VA*

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Reg Band 4,3,2,1; DBMW 3; CIC F&D line 2,1; Banished: Sem. Hollins, MBC, Sweet Briar; Col. Joyner Fan Club 2,1; Tannenbaum Jihad (triggerman) 1; Bomb EIC 1; Chem. Ranger 4,3,2; Conduct Pro 1; Dean's List 4; Two-O-n'-go 1; Old English 800 Fan Club 1;

## Richard E. Goodman II

**Physics / Air Force**



*Brain dead II, LT, Die Furhrer*

As the rains fell on 15 Aug 1989 my mother told me good luck and have a happy birthday. This was a birthday I will never forget. Times at VMI where tough and they always seemed to get worse. My friends in Physics and I labored long and hard and never really seemed to succeed, but we made it! We learned what it was like to get a B.S. in B.S. the hard way. My roommates where and are the best guys in the world. Craig, you will be my brother forever. Steve, thanks for the friendship. Mike, You have been a good dyke. Don't ever quite. Paul, Thank you for the wisdom. Jenny Detwiler, I Love You! My family is the reason why I made it though VMI. Without them I would not have lasted one week. Mom, Dad, and Todd, thank you form the bottom of my heart. I thank God for his Love.Psalm 23.

Dyke 1990 - Paul Brayden
Dyke 1996 - Mike Burchik

*Bedford, PA*

CWRT 4,3,2,1, Pres 1; Band 4,3,2,1, Sec. Leader 1; Deans list 2; Corporal 3; Ops Sgt 2; Plt Sgt 2; Pvt 2,1; EC club; SPS 4,3,2,1; Lounge 2,1; Firefighters 4,3,2,1

## Gerald F. Goodwin

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Student**

*The Grinch*

Four years have past, so very quickly. It always seemed as if we would never escape, though we did quite often. My BR's are the ones who got me through this. Zane, Steve, Matt, Todd, Craig, Rich, John, Russ - Thanks. VMI forges friendships that are like no other. I've been to the other side, and know this to be true. The only regret I have in all of this is signing into the air farce program. Zane, gotta mop bucket? Good, let's go! Steve, if you sleep on your side you don't snore (as much). Matt - study, study, study! Todd, don't worry - you'll get out of Victor CO soon. David, Gail, Chuckles, Pat, Dad, Mom, and all the others - see ya on the other side. IHTFP!

Dyke 1990 - Ronald Buxton
Dyke 1996 - None

*Akron, OH*

Private 4,3,2; Blow Co. 4,3,2; The 58 Gang Room 3,2; TCFC '93 3,2; BOMB staff 2; S-5 2; Number 1 Club 2 (absentee member); Civilian 1.

## Michael H. Gorman

**Biology / Air Force**

*Worm, Gorboy*

It has been a difficult trip but one I would not trade for anything. I have had the best and worst times with friends. A person could not ask for more. Dan, Lou, and Tom, you are the best friends I have ever had. Dan, you taught me to laugh at this place. Lou, the long dips, deep talks of women and weights. Tom, "Kirk", You've been a great friend and mentor. Chris, clean this place up. Don't ever take this place too seriously. To all the people I have called friend, I'll see you at the football games. Schwag, Toad, Jello and the rest of the Richmond group, I'll see you downtown. Doc, thanks! Room S-50 thanks for taking care of my bro. Blake and Moore, it's your turn now. Mom and dad and the rest of the crew thanks for your love, support and understanding through the years. I love all of you guys.

Dyke 1990 - Hunter Shirey
Dyke 1996 - Blake Lackey
Russ Moore

*Richmond, VA*

H C, 1; The Cadet Staff 3,2,1; Bat. S-5 Lt, Sgt, 3rd cpl, private 4,3; Cadre 3; Deans List 4,3,2,1; VMI Traveling Boxing Team; Night Stalker 2.

## Philip A. Grant

**Economics / Special Student**

*The Highlander Private*

I will miss the Institute for only one re after May 22nd: my friends. Hemi, Pigt Rob, Mitch, that jew Charles, John, Dom, an list goes on. My friendships with you have the only thing I will look back on with j learned long ago that rank and class struggle founded in Highland cow dung and aren't v remembering. Thanks for the great times, wish you the best. Hemi, I have learned from your honesty and loyalty. Lincoln, con about April, I expect you to name the first after me. For those of my friends I ha mentioned, God Bless.

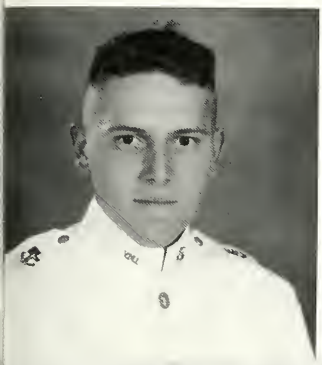
Dyke 1990 - Rob"I'll graduate someday"
Dyke 1996 - The Duke of Edinburgh

*Arlington, TX*

Scottish Beer and Whisky Drinking Society 1; Regi Color Sergeant 2; Regimental Color Corporal 3; VMI 3,2; Glee Club 4,3; Fred Lehman Fan Club 3

## David I. Graves

**German / USMC**



### *Wavy*

t has been a long rough road at VMI, but r four years it has paid off. I thought I would er see the light at the end of the tunnel, but it's lly here. VMI will definitely make you reciate the finer things in life since they like ake them away from you. I might not have ned a lot academically, but I have learned a from my friends. To my best friend and nmate, Matt, we've had a lot of good and bad s together. Whenever we are together we ays seem to make the best of it, no matter t the circumstances are. At VMI we were parable, and I hope it stays that way after we uate. Matt, good luck to you, and may we ays be the best of friends. Jim, good luck to tever you do in life. To my friends, we have ed a lot of good times. May we never forget n. Mom, Dad, and Aaron thanks for porting me at VMI. I couldn't have made it igh here without all your encouragement love. Thanks so much.

e 1990 - Dennis Fogler
Larry Johnson
Jack Ellis
e 1996 - Chris "Stem" Gover

*South Hill, VA*

ss Corporal, 2nd class Sergeant, 1st Private, Semper Fi y, Road Runners 1,2 Rugby 4,3 MOPAR Drag Racing ,1

## Nathan A. Gray

**English / USMC**

### *Natty-Bo,Nat X,Black Noddle*

I remember someone once saying that VMI "is its own place, and in itself can make a Heav'n of Hell or a Hell of Heav'n and that despite the fact that you can be what ever you resolve to be it will always be the best of times and the worst of times." It is true that you never understand VMI till the end and even then it is only with a confused sense of enlightenment.But for those who made the journey easier: Mom and Dad,thank you for patience and understanding.Ma-ma and Pa-pa, thank for support and concern. Stace, from beginning to the very end I love you with all I have! Slob, Gargamel, Toasterhead - The hammer/anvil falls in 126! Ferris, Snoze, Greg, Jerry, Po, Todd - fellow ball and chainers. RDC, Semper Fi, Gunship, Echo-shine on, Chris/Happy Rat - keep smil'n. '93- May the road rise to meet you until we meet again!

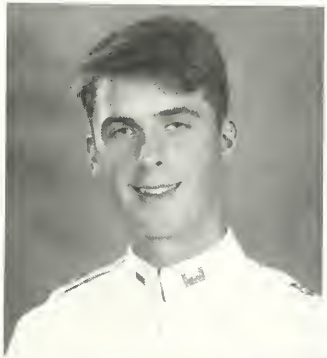
Dyke 1990 - Mike Murphy '89
Dyke 1996 - Christopher McCallum

*Norfolk, VA*

Cpl 3; Mst Sgt 2; E Co. Cmdr 1; Stacy 4,3,2,1; English Society 4,3,2; Rat Training 4,3,2,1 (CIC); RDC 1; Trident Society 4,3; Semper Fi 2,1; Bulldog 2; Echo 4,3,2,1; OCS Hater 2.

## Jonathan P. Greever

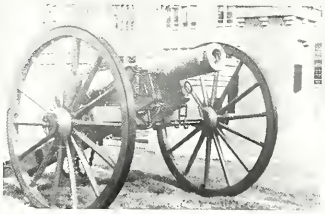
**Civil Engineering / Special Student**



### *Long John, Greeve, Rico*

When I reached VMI, I realized that I wasn't in Kansas anymore. All my visions of military boot camps went out the window, and were replaced with psychological nightmares. As a rat, I quickly learned the value of a strong faith in who I was and and what I believed in. While I leaned on God, my parents, sisters, and friends also offered the support without which, I would not have made it. This year would prove to be the first of a long tradition of...confinement. Ring Figure was a dream come true, even if my date wasn't neccessarily. She's nice, but it just didn't work out. Now as my cadetship is coming to a close (God willing), I wish my rats the best. May they carry on in the tradition of the dyke line.

Dyke 1990 - Charlie A. "Cujo" Tujo
Dyke 1996 - Colin "Bung" Boynton,
Yong Chin "Charlie" Chong



*Lynchburg, VA*

Glee Club 4,3,2,1, Treasurer 2; Band Percussion 4,3,2,1; Volleyball 2,1; Kennel Club 1; Confinement King 4,3,2,1; Weekly Late Night Wanderers 3,2,1; Virgin Private.

## Stephen M. Grim

**History / USMC**

*Reaper, Pad*

This is probably the hardest thing I have ever done! Saying Goodbye to so many good people is impossible, so I'm making it as painless as I can. Brother Rats, you've have taught me what Honor and Friendship is all about and I wish you the best in the future. Thanks especially to AWJ, JR, JCS, and DR. I will never forget you! Well, Mom and Dad, it's almost over! I love you and appreciate your support throughout these tough times. JUDGE, JAY, SCOTT, and OTHELLO - See ya next year!
I'm coming back to get in the truck!

Dyke 1990 - Rob Greenway
Dyke 1996 - Scott Lantz

*Olney, MD*

Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Confinement 4,3,2,1; Rude Slip 4,3,2; Drunk 3,2,1; Scapegoat 1; RDC 1/2

## Dallas H. Grubbs III

**Civil Engineering / Army**

*Grubby,"D" Grubbs,Hairy*

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 Thank you Lord for being my stronghold through the good and bad times. Mom, Dad, Becky, and Guil, you have put up with a lot since I left in 1989, well its almost over and your love and support will not be forgotten. Eric and Adam, we have been through it all together and I pray our lives will not grow separate after graduation. The "fellas", you have made this place bearable, thanks for everything. Kelly, I am looking forward to what God has in store for us, thank you for you love and support through some rocky times. Barry, Bill, Sam, John, and Taylor, make the best of VMI, I know ya'll can make it!

Dyke 1990 - Dan Caine
Dyke 1996 - Barry "Gonzo" Morris
Bill "Yep" Bollander

*Mechanicsville, VA*

Corporal 3; Operations Sergeant 2; Plt. Lt. 1; Rat Training Cadre 3; Fishing and Hunting 4,3,2,1; Marshall New Market Battalion S-1 Dean's List 2.

## John C. Guggenheimer

**History / Special Student**

*Googs,Johnny Googs,Kid*

I remember watching my dykes' write t first class histories, and thinking about the l and hard road I had ahead of me. The road prove to be hard at times,but the years have fl by. My four years at the "I" taught me tha matter how hard times get,as long as you h friends to laugh with,anything is bearable. friends I have made here and the memories them on weekends, spring breaks,or just sta up all night talking will last forever. So r 124,102,roommates,L'burg boys,and co thanks for the memories. Max-what can I You were my dyke,my roommate,and most portantly my brother-thank you. Dorothy: th for your neverending encouragement, ju ment, and care. And Mom and Dad-I don't h enough room to express my feelings,but th you and I love you will have to do.

Dyke 1990 - Max Gugggenheimer
Dyke 1996 - Christopher Oakey

*Lynchburg, VA*

Varsity Tennis 3,2,1; Boxing Club 4; Virgin Private 4, Monogram Club 2; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Late Night Card "Cha 2,1.

## Christopher I. Hackett

**Biology / Special Student**

### *Hacklet, Mr. Happy, Stinky*

Well, I never actually ever saw myself writ- this, especially seeing how I'm not graduat- on time. Here at VMI you are taught to lead, if you need someone to lean on you've got 's to be there. Marty and Rob: Whitewater on New River in freezing weather and a flood!! y A: Aim High! Matt T: Psycho! Sammy uit pimping! Scott E: You a tac? Oh ---- .D: Hey Bud! Wonderman says JMU's got t percs but wool is in style! Gidget:Squeeky pers 1,000 times over! Moondoggie loves ! Lil bro:not everyone can Hack-ett! Steve: ry on the tradition: Lord help us! Mom&Dad: ess all those letters got lost in the mail. Love ays. "One ring to rule them all, one ring to them, one ring to bring them all and in the kness bind them."-J.R.R. Tolkien

e 1990 - Monte "Toasterhead" Loving
e 1996 - Steve "The Hick" Taylor

*Mechanicsville, VA*

ic Rat 4; Rat Daddy 1; VMI Theatre Publicity director 1; adet Battery 3; RFT 3,2; Sounding Brass Art Editor 1; r: Stimpy fan club 2,1

## Marron Hak

**Mechanical Engineer / Air Force**

### *Hak*

I can't believe I'm actually writing my first class history. Even though, at this moment I don't know whether I'll graduate on time or not. However, I wouldn't be here now if I didn't have help from Mom and Dad, friends, and family members. Brian, thank you for helping me through the Ratline. I wouldn't have made it without you. To my roommates in 409, I can't believe how well we have turned out; in 228 & 328, Good Luck!; in 219 & 119, you guys are great friends, Whipped, Cheese/Cracker, and Mr. G.Q. keep in touch! Finally, Mom and Dad, please try to understand how much I love you, without you all of this couldn't have been possible. You influence my life. Hopefully, one day you will love me for the decisions that I've made. Sophear, thank you. You've always been there for me. I love you. We're almost there!

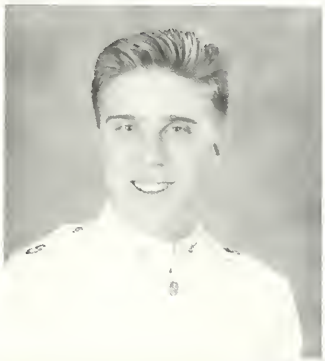
Dyke 1990 - Brian B. Collier '89
Dyke 1996 - Mourn T. "Ho Chi Ben" Ben

*Richmond, VA*

Martial Arts Team Capt./Instructor 3,2,1; Corp. 3; Dean's List 4; S-6 LT. 1; CIC Concn 1; Cadet Waiter 2,1; IST 3; Sec. Int.natl Club 1; ASME/NSPE 3,2,1

## Michael T. Hammond

**International Studies / Air Force**



### *S-Friendly, Toddy Love, IH*

The tough reality of VMI has shown me that my dreams are possible and that I am capable of enduring and succeeding in life after the Institute. Today, as a first, I know I have learned more than I ever thought possible and made friendships that will last a lifetime. God has blessed me and I know that by myself I could not have succeeded. Mom and Dad, thanks for all your love and support, Doc, you've impacted upon my life, Dave, Steve, and Matt, Club '58 has been a truly enjoyable experience and I will miss you all. Dave, your Redneck culture lessons, Steve, all of our good times, and Matt, lazy afternoons racking and laughs will all be missed. Trish, a lifetime awaits us. Your patience, loving support and encouragement kept me going. You are truly the best possible gift I could have ever received.

Dyke 1990 - Raynor Garey
Dyke 1993 - Chris Z Man" Zurawski

*Fairborn, OH*

Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Chap's Bible Study 4,3,2,1; Club '58 3,2,1; AAS 3,2,1; Regt. S-5/Doc's Pup 1; S-5 SGT. 2; Vice Cmdt's Award AFFT 2; Wrestling 3,4.

## Charles V. Hardenbergh

**Economics and Business / Army**

***Van, Vital Idol, V, Vanimal***

After four years of this place, I can say that I wouldn't trade it for anything, nor would I repeat it. Mom and Dad, you are the best parents I could ever ask for and I hope that one day I can follow in your footsteps. What I owe you can never be repaid. Mitch, we've survived the worst that this place could hand us. Anytime you need a lift, remember the time I got my chin in on the way to Corps Trip '90. Rob, keep up the good work and you'll go wherever you want. To Mac, Dan, Pat, and all the other roomates I've had, good luck. Cathy, if you ever see this, thanks for standing by me and being my friend. To all my other friends and BR's, I'll miss you all and I hope we stay in touch. Dutch and Pete, stick it out, you'll do fine.

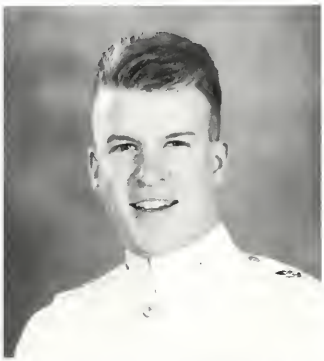
Dyke 1990 - Herbert Mavor
Dyke 1996 - Dutch Holland
Pete Rowe

*Richmond, VA*

Institute Scholar; Who's Who 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academic Distinction 2,1; DMS 1; Airborne 4, MBC 4,3,2; Hollins 1

## John K. Harper

**English / Special Student**



***JohnnySex, Harpoo, Harps***

Since I never took any time to look at how my cadetship progressed, it seems like four years went by and I didn't do anything. I managed to have some fun along the way, I might even leave this place wiser than when I arrived. Mom & Dad, its been a tough road for you, I wont forget the sacrifices you made. Ironclad India, the shine parties in 406 will be with me always. Ed, I still owe you a 32 oz. coffee! Mitch, thanks for being a good friend; remember our PT sessions/nature walks; you'll find her someday. Roomies: you're all a bunch of F's! Rod, our singing career can wait 'til you get done flying jets; good luck. Craig, our first issue will be out in time for the FSU-Notre Dame game! Denham (dipping, fat), Beth once told me I was lucky to find a roommate so much like myself; she was right. Here's to unemployment! Ida Mae, thanks for looking out for me. Goodbye VMI! For better or worse, I won't forget what I've learned here.

Dyke 1990 - Cal Lloyd
Dyke 1996 - Jeff Collier

*Tampa, FL*

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; OGA 1; VMI Cadet 3,2,1, News Editor 1; Circle K 2,1, Pres. 1; English Society 3,2,1, Pres. 1; TMS 3,2,1; Trident Society 3,2; TCFC 3,2; Varsity Swimming 4

## Marcus W. Harring

**Civil Engineering / Army**

***Meat, Meathead, Steak***

It's finally at an end. I came to VMI knowing anything about it, or anyone. Yet, matter how good or bad times became I endu and never regretted it. I leave this place w career goals at hand, the closest friends, an great sense of confidence. I owe a great dea my parents. Dad, your the best role model, tha for all your guidance and support. Mom, tha for all your emotional support. I've been fo nate to have great roomates: Mike, Darin, J and Chris. It's been interesting, difficult at tim but most of all unforgettable. The same goes all my other friends. Pat, thanks for your gu ance my rat year. Jeff, keep striving for y goals. Jen, you've been my hidden stren Thank you for your selfless support.

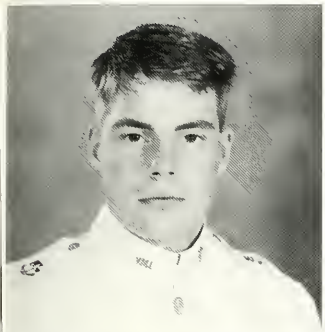
Dyke 1990 - Patrick D. McMahon ('89)
Dyke 1996 - Jeffrey S. Simpson

*Montville, CT*

Wrestling-4; CPL-3; SLI PLT-3,2; SGT-2; PLT L1; Powerlifting team-1; HR-1

## Christopher L. Hatcher

**Biology / Special Student**



### *Hatch, Snatcher, The Box*

L ooking back on my experience here at Ml brings me mixed feelings. I'll never forget trails that ranged from grades to the ratline elf and likewise I will never forget the friendps that were formed or the lessons that I rned. It has been a long four years and has en me all of that time to comprehend this ce. To my good fortune there have always en friends and family to help me through even toughest trials. Andy, James, Gerry and Scott never forget you guys and I wish you the best luck. Dave, keep plugging away, learn the es and play the game! Mom, you've put up h a lot from me and I hope that someday I'll able to repay you!

Dyke 1990 - Sean "Hoov" Hoover
Dyke 1996 - David "Gilligan" Marlow

*Fredericksburg, VA*

Private 4,2,1; Unmotivated Corporal 3; Marginal Grades 4,1; TCFC Company Representative 3; Rugby 4; Water Polo 3.

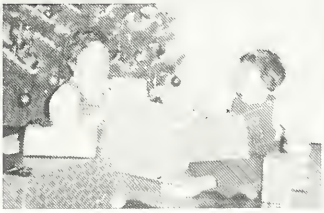
## Anthony S Hatzis

**Mechanical Eng. / Air Force**

### *Hotsauce, Butsauce, Hacksaw*

I came to VMI because I wanted to go into the service and the Air Force Academy didn't accept me. I can now honestly say that I'm glad I didn't go to the Academy. This place has molded and taught me things the Academy, or any other school in the country, couldn't have done. It's amazing what you learn here without even realizing it, and what you learn is about yourself. VMI forces you to think about yourself and what makes you tick. I have accomplished feats and performed tasks I have never thought of doing. Even though some of the things weren't pleasurable, I learned something. I could never have had this opportunity if it wasn't for my family. The inspiration to stay and drive on came from my parents. Thank you Mom, Dad, Brother and the rest of the clan. Coming here made me realize how much I love you all.

Dyke 1990 - Sean W Raborn '89
Dyke 1996 - Steve A Mortvedt

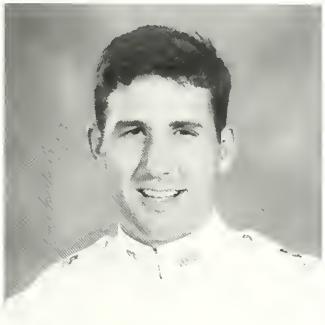


*Orangeburg, NY*

Rat 4; Private 3,2,1; Guidon A Co.; SLI 2; ASME 4,3,2; Treasure 1; Booze Cruise Rider 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge Cadre 1; Arnold Air; Summer Tutorial Cadre, 91;

## Grant M. Hayes

**History / Special Student**



### *"MA BELL"*

The times to remember will never be forgotten. CB&C($268.00!) Drivn' n Cry'n, Vail, Apple Blossom & Ms. Virginia, What can I say, I owe the last four years of my college life to my friends, my parents, and of course my rommates. Torch, the long talks, Corps trips, plumber smiles, and oh your performance in the showers. B.K, all the women, yeah I know, they were all looking at you, you are always the center of attention. Tay, great G&T's, wanna dance? Vic, last, but not forgotten, Pfeifer wants five fish and a french frie for here! I love you guys. RM 111. Thanks Matt, Brandon, Mike, Darin, Jose, Roop, Jim, Brian, and Billy. You guys are the best friends possible. Mom, Dad, and Kelly, I Love you too!

Dyke 1990 - Hal Jones
Dyke 1996 - Cole Hobbs
Drew Haney

*Naperville, IL*

Baseball 4,3,2,1 Monogram Club 3, Volleyball 2, College Republicans 1, Virgin Private, Meat House 2,1.

## Jason M. Held

**Computer Science / Army**

***Stealth, Da-Pope, Nose-Man***

Other nicknames (just to make you think they didn't bother me): "Bug-man" (as in bugger, not insect), "Gay Blade", etc...just tears on a pillow. The members of RM 113 decided that for our histories, we will talk about one roommate. I will leave a message to Eric Natale. Eric, well there is no need to say goodbye because for us this is the beginning. The past two years have been a blast. I hope you understand that we were not always laughing with you but at you. But seriously, I love you, you were and still are family to me. Though my BS and picking with you, you were always there when I needed you. You were there when I wanted to take off to see girls, to drink, and there when I really needed to talk. What lies ahead? I don't know, but I like you. I too am a little scared and nervous, but I promise you one thing: "A Brave New World" awaits, and you go unto the journey among friends.

Dyke 1990 - Larry Farrell
Dyke 1996 - Rick Orr "Screwball"
Mark Rawlings "Clueball"
Matt Nichols "Looseball"

*Reisterstown, MD*

Cpl 3; Fencing 4,3,2,1; All state 4,3; Militaria Soc 4,3,2; Pres 2, Bomb 3; RF Magazine EIC 3,2,1; Army S/S 1, Glee Club 4,3; Sentinels 3; Rangers 2; Tanker Plt 3; Club 13 2,1

## Matthew H. Hertl

**History / Army**

***Turtle, Hertz***

What can I say about my four years at VMI? Probably not much in the limited space they allotted for this history. But what I can say about it is that for myself and the rest of my class, we have so much to be proud of. Nowhere else in the world could so many diverse people be brought together and in the end have at least one thing in common, each other; brother rats. I think I can speak for the class in saying that the only reason we stayed at VMI was not the school, but each other, and I thank you all for that. As for my close friends; TE,DC,MC,JM,SP: I owe alot to you, especially the many fun times we had and will have. Dave, what can be said? We were joined at the hip. We have been the closest of friends and will remain so. Ever since Rat English until Commencement, we have been there for each other and I will look forward to the times ahead knowing you'll be there. To my family, you deserve the world, because that's what you've given me, I love you all.

Dyke 1990 - Brian "Knife" McCarthy
Dyke 1996 - Jonathan "I Spy" Dano

*Glen Head, N.Y.*

Private 4,3,2; 3rd Plt Ld, 1; Ranger Challenge 2,1; Lacrosse 4,3; Intramurals 3,2; Summer School Junkie 4,3,2; Gold Coast player; Frat 317,217,117; Mighty Alfa 4,3,2,1

## Granville G. Higgins

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Studen**

***Higgi, Higgmeister***

It has been said that confinement bui character....therefore I must be one helluva ch acter. Mom and Dad, it's been long and hard, there is still road left to travel. I couldn't ha made it without you. I LOVE YOU. Cami thanks for all that you have done for me; you the greatest sister in the world and I love y Shnoz, Chett, Hutch, Dallas, and all the ot "FELLAS," here's to all the beer and ammo have consumed. I wouldn't have done it with you guys. You're the greatest friends a guy co have. You're all welcome to Camp Higg anytime. Keep in touch. Cynthia, you've gi my life purpose and direction. We've com long way since Ring Figure. I LOVE YOU. Y don't know where life is going to take you, so back and enjoy the ride. It's one helluva ri

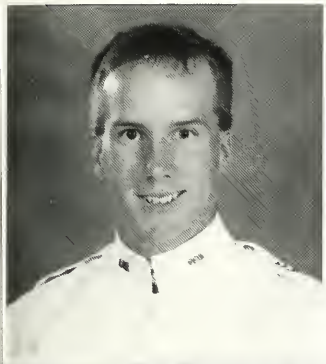
Dyke 1990 - John "Football Head" Peterson
Dyke 1996 - Patrick Bingeman

*Lexington, VA*

Virgin Private; Col. Williams Hair Club for Men 2,1

## H. Daniel Hill

**Biology / Army**



*HillBoy, HoDan, H.D.*

S trained. Drained. Sustained. Maintained. quick synopsis of my four years at the "I", pectively. Third class year consisted of bad ıdes and trips to MBC. Ring Figure and Baldwin cupied my time 2nd class year. Hollins, Wil-m and Mary, and GRADUATION completed 4 year tour. Mom and Dad, I don't know who d it worse, you or me? Words cannot describe at I feel for you two. I love you both so much, nks for always being there. Nick, Brad, and rk I have a feeling we'll be seeing a lot of each er in the future. Cameron, we've been through t about everything together, what next? Good k to all the dykes, you'll go far Ken. Oh yeah, c, you still suck. "The mind is its own place, d in itself can make a Heaven of Hell and a Hell Heaven." --John Milton

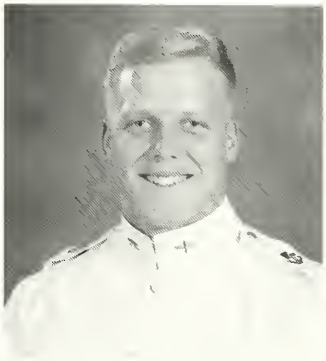
ke 1990 - Tom Agostini
ke 1996 - Ken "S.B." McCoy

*Brighton, MI*

, Cpl 3, Pvt 2, H. Co XO 1; College Republicans 1; Circle ub 1.

## Kelly R. Holbert

**History / Air Force**



*Holbear, Yolbert, Highlander*

It's hard to believe that 4 long years are finally coming to a close, but I can honestly say that I have no regrets about the decision that I made to come to the "I". John, Caz, Brian, Hans, Brandon, Dale, and Rob it was all of you that actually made this place bearable for the time I have spent here. I have had so many great times with you guys that I can't even begin to recount them all. Mom, Dad, and Nick, I owe everything that I am to you, and all of the support that you have given me throughout my life. Bobbi, these last 2 years have been better than I could ever have imagined, and I look forward to spending many more together. VMI has truly been an experience that I will never forget. It has made me appreciate the "little things" and that is a lesson worth learning.

Dyke 1990 - Pablo Martinez
Dyke 1996 - Dan Hoover

*Blacksburg, VA*

Football 4,3,2,1, Arnold Air 3, Deans List 3,2, Virgin Private, PDP 2, Illegal Car Club 3, WVU commuter

## Donald W. Holloway

**History & I.S. / Air Force**

*"Swivel"*

I certainly took the road "less traveled by" when I decided to sacrifice the best years of my life to become "institutionized", yet I do not regret my decision at all. The ability to handle stress and manage time, a sense of honor, and the growing desire to better myself are just a few things I can contribute to my cadetship. I'm not sure I would have had the same results at a "real" college. Yes, I'll admit it I am glad I chose VMI. I have been pushed by the system until I thought I could do no more and it has given me the desire to reach for goals I never thought possible. You accept a certain level of responsibility when you matriculate and you as an individual must quickly grow to meet the demands. I learned the important lesson of politics and how it governs all things, VMI included. With these lessons learned I am more than ready to depart the Institute and press on to yet another ratline. I will leave here with many memories and several friends to go be whatever I resolve to be. Thank You Mom and Dad. You are truly special.

Dyke 1990 -
Dyke 1996 -

*Chincoteague, VA*

Baseball 4,3,2,1;Dean's List 2,1;Southern Conf. Honor Roll; Monogram Club; Pre-Law Society; Tutor for Athletes; S-5 Tour Guide;Drug/Alcohol Counselor; VMI CADET sports writer;Marshall Scholar; Who's Who;Renown New England Traveler

## Michael A. Howard

**Economics & Business / DOD ROTC**

*Coward, Pretty-boy*

Well, I guess the old saying, "Father knows best" is correct. In fact, I probably would not have come to this place without your encouragement. Thanks Dad!! Mom, you cannot imagine the impact that you have had, thanks for being my #1 supporter. After pledging Delta Sigma Phi four years ago at Longwood College, I never would have imagined that I would be sitting here in wool pants writing this first class history. To my friends, BR's - it has been a real experience. I have truly met a lot great guys, guys that I would have never imagined taking showers with. I think this quote sums it up the best, "The brotherhood that I am associated with today is a group of extraordinary men having in common distinct ambitions, attributes, and abilities." Darin, Marcus, Chris, Jim - Its been fun. Im sure we will continue to be great friends. Darin, good luck in Grad. school. To the Hollins Chicks, you've kept it interesting. Crow, you were great- good luck in the future. Vic, maybe one day!!!

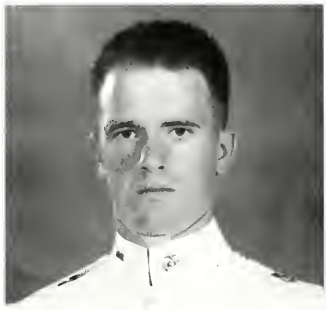
Dyke 1990 - Jeff Moushigan
Dyke 1995 - Brian "Crow-Magna" Crothers
Dyke 1996 - Eric Michiloski

*Roanoke, VA*

Cadet Program Board President 1, CPB Treasurer 2; Wrestling 4,3; 5; TEBA 1,2,; Rat 4; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2, Pvt. 1, Spook Squad 3,2,1, Hair Club for Men President 4,3,2,1.

## David E. Hoy

**History / USMC**



*Hoyboy,Chips,Sponge,Tool*

Colonel, if I'd have known what I know now, I doubt I would have embraced it so freely. Yet, I've never once regretted my decision to become a VMI man. Thank you. To the guys in club 39;KAT, HOGGER, BONE, POPPA SMURF, and... you're all first rate pain in the asses, but I love ya and couldn't have made it w/ out ya. To the BOYS in the GALAXY. To my "brother rats," I've learned what it means to be a friend and I wouldn't trade our times for anything. Mom and Frank, Grandma and Pa, you are as much a member of the VMI family as me.THANK YOU! To Charlie, Rob P, Adam, Freddy, Kevin, Scotty C, GerBear, Hutchens, Rhett, Stokes, All Highlanders, and fellow Devil Dogs fair seas and following winds. Antonelli, remember who you are, why you came here, and pass on what I've taught you.

Dyke 1990 - Andy Sewell
Dyke 1996 - Christopher "Mach" Antonelli

*Bakersfield, CA*

Religious Boy 4321; Firefighters 321;Cpl;Color Sgt;Cadet Captain; Alcohol and Drug Abuse Committee 432; Club 39; Semper Fi 4321; Bulldog 2; Daniel's Den 21; Atlanta Bound 4321;SBC 4321; Misadventures 21

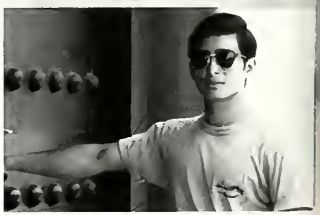
## Yu-Cheng Huang

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Studen**

*Crazy Mad China Man*

Four years "flew" away like an arrow don't think I want to do it again, but I definit will remember my brother rats and those unf gettable days. It's been a great experience to at VMI. Before I came to VMI, I went to Chinese Military Academy. This time I did get hit by a rifle butt! Bye, BR's! I hope I can you all soon. Whenever you visit Taiwan, do forget that you have a brother rat in Taiw Don't hesitate to give me a call!

Dyke 1990 - George Parloma
Dyke 1996 - James M. Flaherty



*Taipei, Taiwan*

CPL 3; PLT SGT 2; PLT LDR 1; Int'l Club 4,3,2,1; A member 1; Tau Beta Pi member 1; Dean's List 4,3,2; AC 4,3.

## T. Carter Hubard

**ivil Engineering / Special Student**

### *Hubes*

he challenges at VMI often seem insur-
untable at first glance but through determina-
and hard work I'm going to conquer this
ce. The friendships have been the pleasures of
four years. I've enjoyed many weekends,
d trips, and experiences with my roommates,
n 176, room 150, and all. Mom and Dad
nk you. Some words to remember: "mum" -
u want to know how his weekend was just
ck his blotter" - "who's the Davila?" - "Link
go score ..."

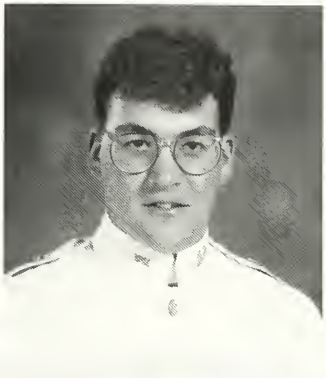
e 1990 - Jimmy Cox
e 1996 - Franklin Roberts

*Richmond, VA*

all 4,3; Big Brother 2; Rugby 1; Parade Usher 1; Private
3,1; Corporal Spring 3; Tau Beta Pi; ASCE; Late Night
ar Champs" 2,1

## Steven W. Hunter

**I.S. / Special Student**



### *Dirt, Dirty*

VMI, what a crock of horse dung! This is my only praise of this hole. My best experience has been to associate with a lot of great guys. All the boys of CWRT, especially Mike and Melay. The weekend at Stanardsville will live on in infamy. That was the begining of it all. My last two summers have been spent with you, Melay; Glen Wilton never lived up to the PKA penthouse. The O's, Hammerjack's, and Hooters are now summer traditions. Butch what can I say? You are my best friend. Thanks for all the bathroom redecoration parties, after Taps excursions, and confinement to follow. My best wishes to you and Lisa. Also appreciation to a special person for brightening my first class year, she knows who she is. Long Live The TURD.

Dyke 1990 - Chris "Fluff" Huff
Dyke 1996 - Jon "Sound Off" Bong "Jovi"

**$100,000 Bond Set For Steven Hunter**

*Louisville, LA*

Hop and Floor 3,2,1; English Society 1; Firefighter 1; CWRT 3,2,1; Founding Father of VMI 90210 Heckler's Club; Unauthorized Vehicle Club; 34 Cocktail Club 3,2,1; Pink Flamingo Worshipper 2,1.

## David L. Hurst

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**

### *Dave, Jerry, Diesel*

"All's Well that Ends Well" & "Much Ado About Nothing" are 2 titles that embody life at VMI. I found out how true these statements were when I chose to come here, after 2 YRs at ODU; taking the path that is less traveled. I am about to close a chapter on my life and become a full fledged adult. I want to go back. O well. I would not have survived this place with out the help of my rat roomates, Ken & Guy, take care. Rich you showed me the postitve side of being a 3rd. Curtis, Mark, and Chuck thanks for making my last two years survivable. Bryan stay focused and you too will see the end. Mom & Dad your support and love helped me survive & I'll love you always. Finally, Jen thanks for always being there; you, most of all, made this place bearable. Thanks to all of you.

Dyke 1990 - Keith Kornegay
Dyke 1996 - Bryan Eberhardt

*Hampton, VA*

Private 4,3,2,1; Virgin Private 1; Cadet Waiters 4,3,2,1; SLI 4,1; VMIT 1; Cross Dyke and Gun Club 4,3,2,1; Dean's Other List 3; Conduct Pro 2; Spring Sem furlough 3; Rat Daddy Comittee 2,1

## R. Hunter Hutchens

**History / Special Student**

### *Hutch, The Confinement Kid*

A long four years are finally drawing to a close and it seems they've gone by in the blink of an eye. Now that I can look back on it, rat year was the easiest year here. Third class year was the longest of my life, but it had its highlights too. I'll never forget monopoly in 309 or imbibing the Christmas spirits and becoming the Grinch, the 60 PT's that followed. Second class year seemed the greatest when we got our rings, but the best was still yet to come. This year has been the best and the worst. First, we lost our roomate, but he'll be back. Finally getting off confinement and being a first has finally let me get a taste of "college life," and it's been good. Lastly, thank you Mom and Dad for giving me the opportunity to love to hate VMI.

Dyke 1990 - Lee Usher
Dyke 1996 - Billy Blount

*Newport News, VA*

All Pro 4,3; Cadet Battery 3,2; Private 4,3,1; Sgt 2; Taft Room Dweller 2,1; Summer School 4,3,2,1

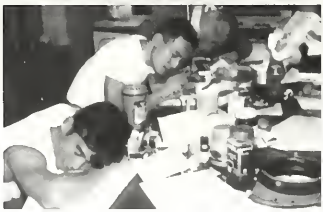
## Kenji Iwai

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Student**

### *EY, Kiwi, Tokyo Kid, Grandpa*

It's been too long! I've been in colleges for almost 9 years. Somehow I ended up with this place and spent four years. No wonder I am so old now. I was the oldest rat among my brother rats when I matriculated. I hated that kids (upperclassmen) yelled at me and spit on my face. So, I told myself, "Kenji, it's all right. This is an excellent experience for you." Actually it was. Not so many Japanese have such experiences like mine. My six-year-life in the US gave my life a lot of flavor for sure. I will not forget you guys, brother rats! Come visit me in Japan.

Dyke 1990 - William Bersing '89
Dyke 1996 - Nopadon "NOP" Kuljanavivat



*Saitama, Japan*

CPL 3; PLT SGT 2; Co. S-2 LT/PLT LDR 1; Karate Club 3,2,1; V.P. of Karate Club 2,1; Int'l Club 3,2,1; ASME member 4,3,2,1; ASHRAE member 1; Dean's List 3,2; AC stars 3.

## Allen D. Johnson

**History / Special Student**

### *Goth, The Package, Gargham*

I came to VMI in search of honor, wisc and truth. I found frustration and humilia Hopefully, suffering makes us stronger and w I do take some important lessons with me. I learned that the rules are not made to be bro The rules are made to be bent. They mu flexible or they fail their purpose. Without M Justice becomes unjust and the human spi destroyed. I have also become a firm advoca "second chances." Everybody screws up!! those of us who think we are always right. I have learned that a leader is not a man who his power to abuse his men or to force them what he wants done. A leader is a man persuades his men to attain greatness. He us power to protect them and to love them. I ow success here to many people whom I will t in person. I owe my failures only to my Never say die, Brother Rats! Semper Fide

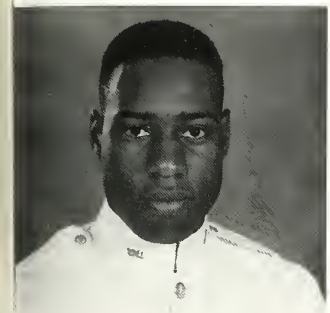
Dyke 1990 - Paul Quinn
Dyke 1996 - David Lawson

*Buchanan, VA*

Football 4,3,2,1; Rugby 1; Virgin Private

## Brian S. Jordan

**Physics (Math Minor) / Air Force**



*Air, Birddog, Nipsey, Jump*

I'd like to thank the Good Lord, Claude, Dee, C.J., Barbara, Angela, Felicia, Ed, Jim, Ro, Vince, Althia, James, Francis, June, Tersey, Shila, Ronnie, Jeffery, Morolyn, Barbara, Robert Patrick, Fonda, Nellie, Roxie, D.D., Blinder, Buba, Buddy, Bug, Tishan, Bee, Meko, Antoine, Dus, Young, Oldergal, Reggie, Ferd, Floyd, Pechie, Regina, Tonya, Jackie, Travis, Jamie W Big & Little Dave, Mickie & Mike, Steve, Dutin, Mike Macario & Family, Col. Holliday, Chif Gunter, Horace, Geneva, Clifton, Mr.Jones, Ce Jarmar, Fefe, Tumbalina, Gene, Dean, Andre, Tra, Alonzo, Emmet, Howard Brown, Mark, Deeree, Yummy, Yazzie, Lois, Nitra Laura, Pa, Willette, Pete, George, Geritta, Tam, Laron, Dan, & others all of whom made me what I am. 3.1592654= piece of pie.

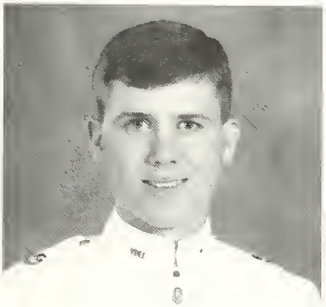
Dye 1990 - David Darden
Dye 1996 - George Fountaine (of youth)

*Newport News, VA*

Pronji Club 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Society of Physics Students 4,3,2,1, Arnold Air Society 3,2; Sweet Hunk 3,2,1; Try to get out 4,3,2,1.

## David B. Jordan III

**English & Fine Arts / Pacifist**



*K,Commy,The Liberal,Jerd*

In 545 B.C., Siddhartha Gautama (aka Buddha) decided to leave the hedonisic life of his royal palace to become an ascetic. After four years of unparalleled suffering, he learned that truth and happiness lie neither in excessive pleasure nor in pain, but in a balance of the two. In 1989, I left the comparitive hedonism of high school for VMI. Now that my ascetic phase is almost over, I too realize that no higher good comes from self torture. Of the many illusions I shed since then, the one I am most glad to be rid of is the far right wing rifle barrel through which I used to view the world. VMI has taught me nothing, but my classmates and roomates did teach me that you don't have to agree with a man's politics to respect, admire, and even love him. "I stood among them, but not of them." --Lord Byron.

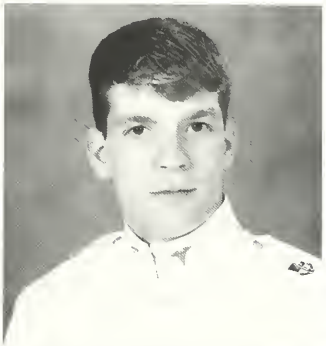
Dyke 1990 - Tom "TNT" Talley
Dyke 1996 - "Pet" Anthony Martin

*Richlands, VA*

PRIVATE; Disillusioned 4,3,2,1; V.M.I. Cadet 3,2,1; Oxford 2; Rugby 4,3; Big/Little Brother 2; Conduct Pro 3; N.D.C. 2; Barracks Drunk 4,3,2,1; Rosel 4,3,2,1

## Andrew W. Joyner

**History / Special Student**



*Howyadoin*

My stay here has been most pleasurable. I think the three solid years of confinement as well as three solid years of summer schoolwere real character builders. I have made some great friends, most of which have been kicked out i.e. Reaper, Z, and Straw. Judge, I'll be laughing at you while your still here. And Monkey remember, YOU CAN NOT HOLD!!! Thanks Ma and Dad, I love you.

Dyke 1990 - Ross Fitzhugh
Dyke 1996 - Judge Charlton

*Forest, VA*

Virgin Private; Baseball 4; Cadet Staff 1; Kodiak Racing Team 4,3,2,1.

## Andrew F. Jurewicz

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**

*"Jiz" "Weird Agent"*

When I think back now, while still under the grey cloud that covers this place it is hard to think of anything positive to write. This place has cost me a lot in terms of emotional losses, but it has also given to me the best times in my adult life, not to mention lessons to be learned. One of the reasons I came here was because of the brotherhood that occurs between classmates that transends friendship. I have met many great friends here who I will remember forever. Thank you very much everyone who helped me stay here, espeacially mom and pop. Jim, Moo-ga-boo, and Gilly (The Fat Girls) you are welcome for everything that I have done for you, goodbye. To my rats ignore all our complaining, stick in there and you will find it is all worth it.

Dyke 1990 - Pete "Wally" Mantz
Dyke 1996 - Brian "Horny" Hornaman

*Norfolk, VA*

2nd, 1st Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 3; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Deans List 4,3,1; Served 75% of No. 1 club; T.L.B.A.; No car Club; I'm gonna' quit club 3,2,1; F Trooper 4,3,2,1.

## Victor D. Kane Jr.

**History / Special Student**

*BigDaddy, Spictor, Kanester*

My prediction for the future of some of my closest friends. My best friend since childhood, Taylor"Chewy," becomes the co-owner and participant of Hair Club for Men. Brian "Casey Top 40" is seriously injured while dancing with a speaker system during a dance competition. Ayen "Torch", after placing first in the Boston Marathon, was last heard of teaching African tribes a Columbian ritual. After being promoted manager of Kroger, Grant "Desmund", was seen on Love Connection trying to find the "perfect" woman to spend more than just a few weekends with. All of you have been more than any friend could ever ask for. I will never forget any of you. Mike "Chester", Daren, Marcus, and Jim, it will never be the same without each one of you. Memories last forever...

Dyke 1990 -
Dyke 1996 -

*Newport News, VA*

Varsity Soccer 4,3; Varsity Football 2,1; Cpl 3, 1st class private; Academically Undistinguished 4,3,2,1.

## Christopher J. Kemper

**I.S.-Spanish / Army**

*Hogger, Big H, Semper*

Reflecting on these past 4 yrs, I can say it has definitely been an enlightening experie Rat Year was just the beginning of the jou down a long, dark tunnel. 3rd class year was reaching the most desolate section of the tu with no hope for reaching the light. 2nd class began the descent out of the dark wasteland. 1st class yr brings this journey to an end, a the beginning of another. I want to thank my for the fun, especially my roommates: E Keebler, Sponge, and Kat. Thanks to Brian the spiritual experience and the friendship. to all those for whom there isn't enough sp THANKS. Mom & Dad - Thank you for sac ing, giving, & loving. And to God - Now I k what you meant by "It's not a problem."

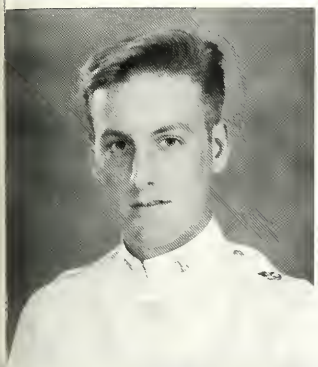
Dyke 1990 - Andrew H. "Kegger the McF McCaig
Dyke 1996 - VACANCY

*Roselle, NJ*

Ranger Co 4,3,2,1; CPL 3; SGT 2; LT 1; Honor Guar Power Tool Bat. 1; Dead Dipper's Society 2,1

## Thomas R. Kent, Jr.

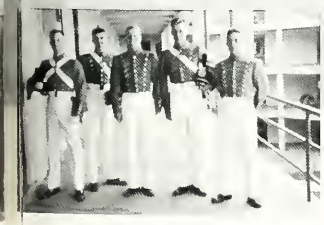
**echanical Eng. / Special Student**



***urfer Rat, Beaker, Hawaiian***

ho would have thought after squeaking ba every summer that I would still be able to gr uate from VMI. If there was anything be les a degree that I got from VMI it was the le mination that through all the hardship, you ca do anything if you stick to it and never give up Stonewall Jackson put it best when he said, "Y u may be whatever you resolve to be." These ve the words that got me though this place and my other rats and friends helped me keep my sa y. May club 02/121 stick together through he ears and their dykes continue the tradition of ha ing down "Fish" '81's First Class Private pel Hang Loose. Kill Da Wabbit!

Dy 1990 - Dave Rost
Chuck Greene
Dy 1996 - Chris "Never Dull" Powell

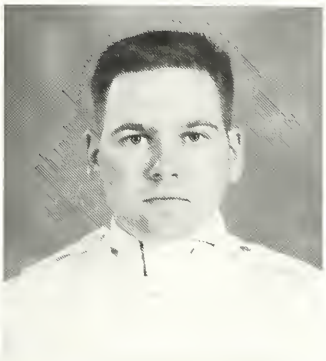


*Honolulu, HI*

Virg Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Regt. Band 4,3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; ent ls 2,1; Barracks Electr. 1; ASME member 2,1; Stup fot rmination Society 4.

## Edward V. Kerns

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**



***Kernsie, Bubbie, Sir Bubalot***

Why I came to VMI: "...Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."
- Robert Frost

What I learned at VMI: "The secret to a long life is to stay busy, get plenty of exercise and don't drink too much. Then again, don't drink too little."
- Herman Smith-Johanson

The Result: "...things I couldn't do before now I know I can, and I'm leavin' here a better man."
- Clint Black

I would like to thank God, Mr. Allen, my parents, Doug, and Brian for all the help, and my roomates for putting up with me.

Dyke 1990 - Doug "Bridgeport Guy" Henderson
Dyke 1996 - John "Rat Tours" Ritchie

*Clarksburg, WV*

Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Plt. Sgt. 2; Plt. Lt. 1; PowerliftingTeam 1; Foothall 4; Intramurals 3,2; Cadet Asst. 3,2; Just glad to be here 4,3,2,1.

## James W. Kirk

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

***Capt. Kirk, Taft, Grandpa***

In the beginning, I could only dream of the day that I would hold the VMI diploma. Nothing has changed, except now I want to blaze a trail out of here. If it hadn't been for a switch to the CE, it would have been "paper or plastic" for me. I'll never be able to repay my parents and family for their support (literally). Mom, thanks for showing me that it only takes a winner to get that diploma, no matter how old. Andy and Chris, I'll miss the smoking and joking in 178. Let's hope Guido, Twiggy, and Porky will be out of here in 96. May the "Fantastic Four" (Kevin, John, Ben) live on forever. Don't forget our endless searches for fun at UVa, Tech, Radford, MBC, and JMU. Kevin, don't worry Mom cleaned it up (SB '92). Love y'all at 200 Pershing.

Dyke 1990 - Carlos A. Fernandes
Dyke 1996 - Joe Schrimsher

*West Palm Beach, FL*

Cant. Club 4,3,2; ASCE 2,1; Timmons Music Soc. 1; Cannon-ball Comm. 1; Club 165 2,1; Virgin Private; Fantastic Four 2,1; "Way Cool" Club 1.

## Jonathan J. Kucera Jr.

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

***Fat Rat, Cookoo, Cous***

As I look back on my "VMI experience," I have come to realize that I had two cadetships. One starting my rat year, the other starting with my second class year. Rat year was, well, Rat year. Third class year I'd rather forget. To Kris and Kevin my eternal thanks for accepting me literally into the family. My cadetship turned around the day I moved into the room with you. Kris I'll see you next semester. Kev good luck wherever you go, whatever you do. Dad, what son could ask for any better role model. You and Mom hopefully raised two successes that know the value of a good friendship and family. I only wish she could be with us when I graduate. Paige thank you for always being there to remind me that things weren't as bad as they seemed. Well until next semester.

Dyke 1990 - Jeff "Jefe'" Farleigh
Dyke 1996 - Jon "Cavey" Sherrod

*R[illegible]*

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## Matthew E. LaBell

**Electrical Engineering / Air Force**

***Wingnut, Rocko, Label***

These four years have been an experience, to say it modestly. I can't really give the system credit for all the things I have learned. Could it be that if I had not decided to come here that I would be a better person? That is a question I must have asked myself almost every morning. I guess this was just another hurdle to go over....this one was just a little more interesting. Thanks to: Mom & Dad, for keeping me in school, for love, & phone bills; Grandma & Grandpa W, for giving me my major & summer breaks; Margie & Lacy, for picnics and showing me the I; Matt B., for keeping me on the academic road; My roommates, for being themselves; and Travis, for having a yankee dyke. But most of all, thank you Bets for giving me the will and the reason to stay in my most difficult times, NELYD.

Dyke 1990 - Mike "Camper" Camp
Robert "Bobness" Pedigo
Mike "Two Bear" Teu
Dyke 1996 - Travis "Jungle" George

*Alpena MI*

Plt Lt 1, Sgt 2, Cpl 3; IEEE Pres. 1, Sec. 2,3; Fire Fighters [illegible] 2,1, Lifeguard 2,1; Rat Training 3; Track 4; JMU dreamin [illegible] Dam Yankee 4,3,2,1; Lived with B. Cox. 3,2,1;

## Jimmy R. Langley

**History / Special Student**

***JimmyJack, Jackson, Jimb[illegible]***

Some things in life just can't be sa[illegible] words; leaving VMI is one of them. To the [illegible] in the room: you took me in and the rest is... [illegible] dog: flyhigh and if it ain't broken-fix it. Bub[illegible] you taught me things others are gonna wish[illegible] hadn't. French: what can I say? You know[illegible] story. Rm. 163- see ya at the sanctuary! Rm. [illegible] "X." Todd: Yuuht! Dykes- don't give up. I[illegible] and Dad, you don't know just how thank[illegible] really am. I love ya'll. Lastly, Karen, you ar[illegible] love and support, thanks for being there with[illegible]

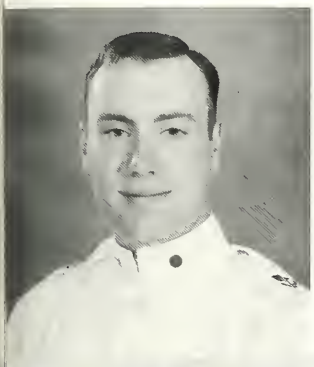
Dyke 1990 - Garrett Peck
Dyke 1996 - Tom "two-tone" Ryan
Ken "grasshopper" Hayden

*Vinton, VA*

F-Troop 4,3,2,1; Fencing 4,3,2,1(capt.); The Dean's ot[illegible] 4,3,2,1; Firefighters 2,1; Timmons 4,3,2,1; cannon [illegible] Flag Sgt. 2; S.6 lt. 1.

## Charles A. Leggett

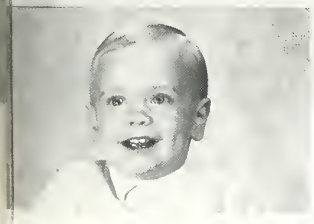
**History / Air Force**



*Peck, Pan-Pan, Chuck*

"It was the BEST of times, it was the WORST of times." Before coming to VMI, I never realized how true these words could be. Now, after four of the best and worst years of my life, I am preparing to leave the life of a cadet behind. I really think I might miss it. NOT ! It's been a really interesting four years that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world, but that you couldn't paying me to do over again. To the occupants of club 206: Tom, Dave, and Tom: take care and God bless. And please, no more night rapelling. To Dave H. and Mark, thanks for a fun last year. To Nyat, Marc, keep the faith and don't ever let anything stand in your way. And to my mom and dad thanks for sticking behind me and helping me survive this place. I love you both very much and always will.

Dyke 1990 - Ike Matenopoulos '89
Dyke 1996 - Marc Trider

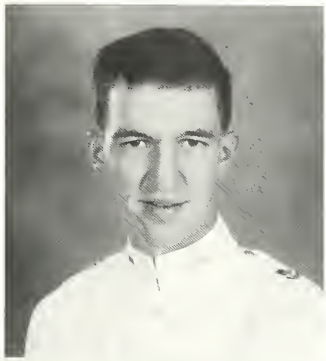


*Richmond, VA*

Glee Club 4,3, Librarian/Historian 2, Stage Manager 1; Spirit Squad 3, Co-Captain 2; Monogram Club 1; CWRT 2,1; VMI Church 1; Small Car Collision Club 2; Rat Daddy Committee 3; President 1.

## David C. Lehmkuhl

**Economics / Army**



*Kat, Tall Cool One, El Gato*

To my Mom, Dad, and Chris: thanks for being there for me for all these years. You will never know how much I relied on you. The last four years have not been the best of times. The road to graduation was tough and long. I will miss the good friends I have made here. To the friends that I leave behind: enjoy the time that you have, because soon it will be your turn. To David, Mac, Chris and Heath: what can you say? I'm going to miss you four guys more than you know. It's safe to say that it has been interesting living with you. Long live Club '39! "J," you've been a great dyke. Hang in there. To Laura: thanks for making my senior year so wonderful. You'll always be special to me. Well, this is it. I say goodbye to one part of my life and hello to another. Stand By!

Dyke 1990 - Brian Sadler
Dyke 1996 - Julian "J" Rivera

*Mt. Laurel, NJ*

Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; Firefighters 3,2,1; ranger plt. 2,1; grade trouble 4; S-2 2,1; curious 4,3,2,1; 90210 Club 1

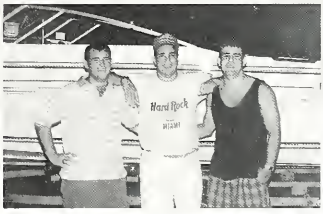
## Philip A. Leone

**English / Special Student**

*Tony*

My life at VMI has been a story of two extremes. My first two years, I despised this place and blamed it for all my problems. I could not understand why I was here. I took off my Second Class year to straighten out some things in my life. During this time I came to the realization that VMI is not such a bad place. By taking a year off, I was able to see more clearly what the VMI experience does for you. I know that I made the right decision in coming back. Despite the ups and downs of the last four years, there have been two constants. First, the support and friendship of my three rooommates—Carter, Chris, and Bill— and also, Lee and Link. Second, and most importantly, the love and patience of my family. Especially my mom, who stood by me through the bad times, as well as the good times.

Dyke 1990 - Bill Dowd
Dyke 1996 -



*Richmond, VA*

Cadet Staff 1; Rugby 4; Virgin Private; Number 1 Club.

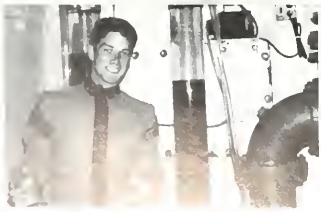
## Benjamin A. Lilly

Civil Engineering / Army

***Lillypad,Lillypud,Pud,LT***

Well, the corner has finally made it. Our mission is over Tony, all I can say is that this has been the best of times and most definitely the worst of times. From the many nightly expeditions to LEE-HI and a few to UVA- Hey Kevin how 'bout that ambulance-to staying clean and doing too much work. Mom and Dad, I know its been hard but thank you for your endless support through this place. Donna-your the greatest;you have been second to none;I love you. See ya on Aug 14. HEY-FISH WAKE UP!! T-BUST-WELL ALLRIGHT!! Booger-Lights,CLICK!! Tuck-You want to parrrtake in what? Lee-your not fat. RAT-SPONGE? Did I make it to BRC?-Chris. O.K. so they DO make black liquorice so what!!-The CORNER WEEEEDDOOOGGGII

Dyke 1990 - Heath "Heaphus" Bain '89
Dyke 1996 - Chris "Wrestlemania Rat" Lowe



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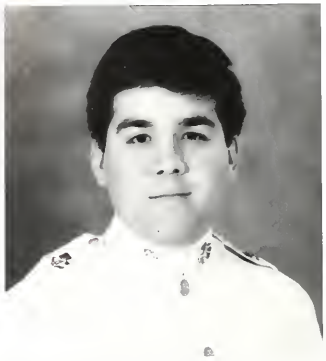
## Kevin J. Link

Mechanical Eng. / Special Student



***Lunk, Link Dog***

Four years at the I are almost over and, for me, one left to go. I'd like to start by sending a shout out to Lo, Wayne, and Rob: Good luck. We gave it a good try Carter, enough said. See you next year Tony, we'll eventually make it. Yowza, we had some wild times. Keep up the effort, I know you'll succeed. I'd like to thank my mom for putting up with me for these four years, I know it was hard. I want to especially thank my dad and grandmother, I miss you and know your watching. Last but not least I'd like to thank my sister Tina. Keep up the good work.

Dyke 1990 - Tom Pegram
Jeff Barnes
Dyke 1996 - Notta

*Buena Vista, VA*

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Nintendo Club 2,1; All Pro 3

## Michael P. Livingstor

History / Navy

***Sandman***

Hasta La Vista VMI! Four years ago I [illegible] here as a much different person than I am n[illegible] am deeply in debt to the instructors and fr[illegible] who helped me mend my evil ways (and pi[illegible] some more refined ones). It has been sai[illegible] you have to make mistakes in order to learn [illegible] them. Well, I did. I am anxious to get the # [illegible] outta here, but I have to admit that I am goi[illegible] miss the friendships that were made here. I [illegible] STUDY & BE GOOD! Chuck, John & n[illegible] fellow naval commissionees, I wish you the [illegible] Jimmy-Jack, remember my RSVP to the [illegible] ding. Erik and Jeff, it ain't over yet: th[illegible] stretches...mom and dad: you've been the [illegible] me through thick (Mar 92) and thin, and de[illegible] on me to be there for you. That's that, no [illegible] cat...and I'll see you in the surf zone.

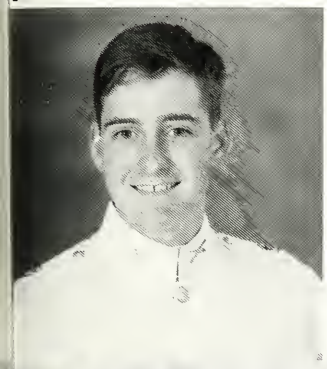
Dyke 1990 - Bill Bowers
Dyke 1996 - Christian "St. George" Hoff

*Edison, NJ*

Special Operations Platoon 3; Marine Corps Mara[illegible] Dive Club 3,2,1; Rat Challenge 1; Dean's List 2,1; Na[illegible] Club 2,1; reprobate of VMI Intl Study Abroad p[illegible] summer 1990.

## Kevin M. Lloyd

**panish and I.S. / Special Student**



*Kevin*

I our long years have finally come to an end. vuld like to say the time I've spent at VMI has ie enjoyable, but I can't. However, I certainly ia no regrets for the things I have learned and he friends I have made. I can now honestly say hal would not be the same person I am today if hd gone to any other school. I want to thank ll f my friends for supporting me throughout he ears; I will miss you all after we walk the lek in Cameron Hall this May. I also really ie to thank John and Adam for keeping this - g out of trouble in 396, 296, and I96. Most mrtantly, thank you Mom and Dad for push- ngie to finish what I started. I wish the best of ic to everyone.

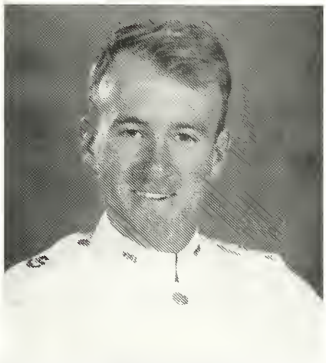
y: 1990 - Andrew Conville
y: 1996 -

*Damascus, MD*

vepent Group 3,2,1; Karate Club 3,2,1; Firefighter 2; allbout 2,1

## Creston S. Long III

**History / Special Student**



*cresTON, Schlong, Cres*

I am not exactly sure what good this place may have done for me; I guess we'll see in the years to come. So much of what was supposed to have been good has turned out to be merely a myth. Frustrating comes to mind. The professors have made it worthwhile. Special thanks to Col. Davis. To The Corner: you're the best. Tone, Booger, Fish, Ben, Chris, Lee, Rusty, Mike, and Max good luck. James keep your eye on Smith Hall. Bryan, it's been sarcastic...imagin... Mom and Dad, I'll never be able to thank you enough. I couldn't have asked for more support or better parents. It was all of those toy soldiers, Dad. I love you guys. Da, you've made a good choice. Caroline, you have always been there for me; I couldn't have done it without you. I love you and "YES" always! VMI, I'll only miss my friends.

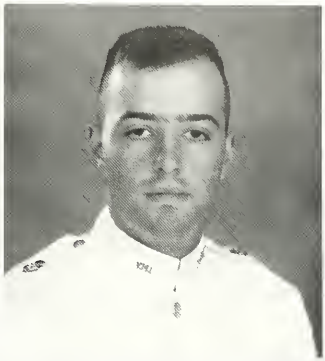
Dyke 1990 - Todd Jacobs
Dyke 1996 - Travis Hughes

*Salisbury, MD*

Class Treasurer 3,2,1; Cpl; Sgt; B. Co Guideon; Taft Society 2,1; Sounding Brass 1; The Corner 2,1; Anglophile Club 2,1; Ac Stars 2; Dean's List 4,3,2,1.

## Edward D. Maddox

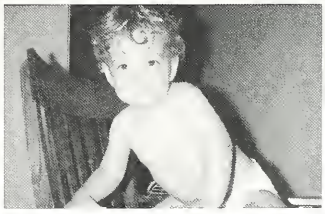
**History / Army**



*Deacon, Condor*

From my VMI experience I will remember the following: that for 8 months, I was among the lowest life forms on Earth; that I was elected by my BRs to lead one of the greatest forces in America - a VMI class; that I pursued a major that I enjoyed and I excelled in it; that I made some of the closest friends a man could ever hope for; and that I respected VMI's history and strove to continue it's traditions of honor & the code of a gentleman. I can be sure that my time spent at VMI was not in vain, and that I will always be able to use what I learned there. I will tell my children about my roomates, RingFigure and Airborne School. I will share what I learned with them, the most important lesson being that they may be whatever they resolve to be -just like my alumnus father taught me.

Dyke 1990 - Harrison Bresee '89
Dyke 1996 - Matt Nichols



*Strasburg, VA*

General Committee 4,3,2,1; Class Historian 4,3,2,1; Cadre Cpl 3; Reg. Color Sgt. 2; 3rd Bn Cdr 1; Contracted 2,1; Airborne Qualified 1; MNMB 4,3,2; MSIII XO 1

## Christopher M. Martin

**Electrical Eng. / Special Student**

***OPUS, Punkinhead***

I can't believe that it's almost over. It seems like just yesterday I was sitting in the barber's chair losing my hair. Then came breakout. The next big thing to happen was Ring-Figure, what a weekend. Now it's graduation. It has been a long, hard fight, but one I have not fought alone. Mom and Dad, I owe this all to you. Thanks for believing and giving me the chance. Juan thanks for all the pep-talks. Doc Gill, Mr. Personality. Vic thanks for deep thoughts. Batman thanks for making this year very interesting. Rhett and Hutch, thanks for all of the games of spades. Condor, we made it, Good luck with the Army and Amy. Dykes: hang in there. Just one thing, Where's BOO!

Dyke 1990 - Monte "Bert" Loving
Dyke 1996 - Jethro "Fro" Piland

*M[illegible]*

PVT 4, [illegible] Op S[illegible]
[illegible] 4, [illegible] Schoo[illegible]
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## Nicholas R. Martinson

**Spanish / USMC**

***Nick the ----, Roids,Turkey***

A very homesick high school boy arrived at V.M.I. during the August of 1989. The first time he saw barracks was on matriculation day and a sick feeling was felt in his stomach. He said good-bye to his father and crying mom (which didn't help the departure). He was on his own for the first time in his life, and for the first time he wasn't the high school stud. He was just another dirt-bag who had his share of -----ups and learned from them during the Rat Line. There have been some good times since I've been here. 3rd Stoop Rack throwing, numerous times of praying to the porceline god, the Bordello parties, running "natural" across the parade deck, and, "Hey Reaper remember the Wedding?"

Dyke 1990 - Mike Lythgoe
Dyke 1996 - Mike Reed

*Suttons Bay, MI*

[illegible] 4, Rugby 3; Rat Traning Sgt. 2; Semper Fi 2,1; [illegible] 2, Cheerleading 1; S-2 Staff 2,1; Esponja 4,3,2,1

## Robert M. Matson

**German / Army**

***Ranger Bob, Blob, B-O-B***

I came here as an out of shape slug, an[illegible] I prepare to leave, I can say...well, some th[illegible] just don't change! But the change was insid[illegible] know that I grew here (not just from the [illegible] line). I wear the Ring. Schmeve - you were r[illegible] it does go quickly (hey, I wasn't that clue[illegible] was I?) Pig - Let's get this book done! I love [illegible] man. Anne and Lori - Thanks for the [illegible] times...NOT!! Ma and Pa - I can't put it in w[illegible] Brian - the ball is passed to you...84, 87, 90[illegible] 96...now don't drop it! Finally, Dawg - thank [illegible] carrying me up the hill. You've been a [illegible] roomie, even if you do snore. BR's, I love [illegible] all! 93!93!93!

Dyke 1990 - Steve "Schmeve" Fitton
Dyke 1996 - Brian "Sherlock" Forrest

*Accord, NY*

PVT 4,1 CPL 3 SGT 2, Blow Co. Beater 4321, Nut Hut 2,1
A.M. Drummer 21, CWRT 4,3,2,1, SLI 4,3,2,1, Con[illegible] 4
Majors: IS 4, HI 3, ML 21, Fat Boy 2,1

## Creg F. Matthews

**Biology / Special Student**

### *Keg, Fontaine*

Well I have reached my final days at the I. and it's a great relief. I can now look forward to accomplishing my goals for the future. I will not miss the many months of confinement that I have endured but I must say that I could not have done it alone without my fellow perennial confinement partner Pendragon. I suppose it could be said that we had a time or two. Rick, Mike, Artie, Mad Mox, we all know that the lights often went out early and a few cold ones were slowly drained. Friday nights in 340 will never be forgotten. This last year has been quite interesting and blurred with the arrival of Daddy. Active Ass thirsts for the finer things in life can never be quenched. Finally I must thank all who have supported me. Mom and Dad, I thank you and I love you.

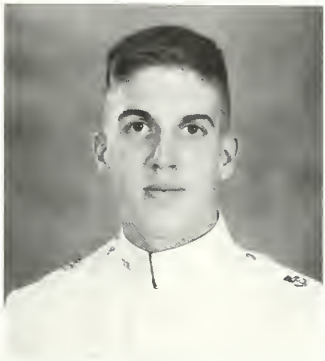
Dyke 1990 - David C. Robbins
Dyke 1996 - Ethan "Ether" Astor

*Rocky Mount, VA*

Stay in V.M.I. 4,3,2,1 Virgin Private 4,3,2,1 Ac.Pro. 4,2 being 2 Skeet Club 2 Fire Fighter 1 Big Worm/Little Worm Bist Club 4,3,2,1

## Carl L. Maupin III

**History / USMC**



### *Gunny, Lurch*

The man with a line for everything/ co-author of the revised honor sheet: "Hey Gerry, how about finders keepers?" This Devil Dog, after seeing the light at Parris Island still came back to the Quasi-motto life at the I; had a bout w/ AC Pro, and won by upping his caffeine intake by 300% getting his GPA up to a 2.093. "Gunny" is a Marine in every sense: he smokes cigars, drinks, and has acquired a hate for bus drivers, glory hounds, and squids. Too bad Officer Smith didn't share our affection for him. You can borrow his truck but don't touch that safety pin. He slept only on his rack, ie. no hay- it was like being out in the field. To: KEN-No justice, just us! GUY-Where are my ----- red shorts! BILL-Try not to take this place so seriously! FAMILY-Of course I couldn't have made it this far without you all.

Dyke 1990 - Douglass M. Dillon
Dyke 1996 - William "Wild Bill" Keller

*Leesburg, VA*

Parris Island Vacation Club, Summer '91; Virgin Private; Friends of the LPD, Fall '92; Rat Challenge '92.

## Edward G. Maynard

**Spanish, IS Minor / Special Student**

### *Deviant, Ice cubed, Ed two*

How could I have known what I was getting into when I came here? I have seen and heard many things. I came here naive, but now that I'm ready to get out of here, I find I've only begun to learn what I'll need to know. From an uneventful third class year, to a weird and goofy second class year, VMI only seemed to get more and more silly and absurd. But the first class year has breezed by... could I actually be having some fun here? Thanks for all the fun and laughs Fred, John, and Ra. Keeping your sanity means being a little insane at times. Ed, Rob, Matt: remember mental management! Thanks for your help El Buen Campeador. Amy: I'm smiling. Mom & Pop, I love you, thank you for everything. *Don't be afraid to live!*

Dyke 1990 - Jim Manning
Dyke 1996 - Nathan "Y.G.W.E.H's" Cramer

*West Granby, CT*

Rifle Team 4,3,2,1; Team Captain 1; Letter 3,2,1;Spanish Honor Society 2,1; Blow Co. 4,3,2,5; Gun monkey 2,5,1

## Peter B. McCarthy

Army / History

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### *Pete, PDTD, Musky, Rosy*

As I sit out my second semester from VMI as punishment for my sins, I ponder what it will be like to finally graduate NEXT May. I think of what my three years at the institute has taught me and the lessons I have learned. Deing away from VMI teaches one how special our humble abode really is. I have paid the price of youthful indescresion and rash decision making. There's a time to party and a time to get serious. As for my cadetship I want to thank my many roommates for showing me a good time in a bad environment. Alonzo, you will not be the only survivor of room 439 - I will return. Butch and Steve, always a party. Marc, thanks for all your help last spring and for getting my history in the BOMB. I thank my family for their support. I know I don't show it much but I really do appreciate all you do for me, and the massive effort you have put into getting me through VMI. Most of all I can't wait to go back to VMI, get it over with and leave with a peice of sheepskin instead of a barracks checkout form.

Dyke 1990 - Bill Madison
Dyke 1996 - ?

*Spring*

Rx [illegible] 4,3,2; Ran[illegible]
[illegible]

## Kevin R. McCluney

Computer Science / Air Force

### *'Clune-Dawg, Cool-Breeze*

I can remember looking at the two cadets on the cover of a Leatherneck Magazine, as a sophomore in high school, and laughing at the silly uniforms that they were wearing. Who would have thought that I would graduating from that school. Some of the credit for my being here can be given to the high school basketball coach that cut me as a sophomore. Had it not been for his lack of seeing great basketball potential, I may have never started running track and therefore, never earned a scholarship. There are many great things at this Institute and there are many nightmares to go right along with them. In four years a shy little boy has grown into a VMI man. Of course, it could not have been done without my parents — Thanks for supporting me through the rough times.

Dyke 1990 - Robert Clark
Dyke 1996 - Holm Ankoma-Sey
Ryan McCarthy

*Washington, D.C.*

Guide Sergeant, Lieutenant, Track Team 4,3,2(Captain 1), Promajt Club 4,3,2(President 1), Monogram Club 4,3,2(Vice-President 1), VMI Shooters Club.

## Keith A. McGee

History / Army To Be

### *McGoo,Goober,Chicken Boy*

"It was the best of times and it was the w[illegible] of times." Dickens. The "I" has changed m[illegible] many different ways, some for the best and s[illegible] for the worst. Coming here I was a happy-[illegible] lucky kid not knowing what was in store for [illegible] the next four years. I will soon find out if it [illegible] worth the $30,000 debt. I would like to thank [illegible] father for putting up with bad grades and sp[illegible]ing his last dollar on me once again, my gr[illegible]mother for all of her support and weekly let[illegible]. Col. Bissell and Maj. Brodie for helping me [illegible] back into school and advice whenever nee[illegible]d. Tim Golden, Carolyn Rader, and my clo[illegible]st friends for making VMI bearable. It has be[illegible] a struggle but the abyss seems much clearer [illegible] that it is over. Leland, you taught me much. T[illegible]n. Mike, keep in touch.(NDC rides on to WV[illegible]

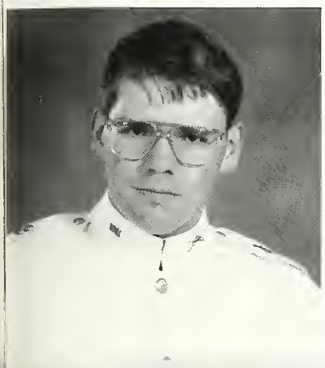
Dyke 1990 - Jim Dufford
Dyke 1996 - Buck "Pig Pen" Meier

*Clarksburg, WV*

1 Co 4,3;Cpl 3;Bd 3,2,1;OGA 1;Bugler 3,2,1;Cale R[illegible] 4,3,2,1; Taliaferro Fan Club 4;Cannonball 3;GNR-Me[illegible] Survivor 1;AC Extinguished 3;NDC 2,1.

## Wade M. McNichols

**History / Special Student**



*Thag, Captain Caveman*

The members of room 113 decided that for o histories, we ill each talk about one roomnte. Clarence Tweedy, It's been a weird, anoying, entertaining 3 years. I watched you stuggle to make weight when you wrestled. Tat first year was unforgettable. We survived Jen and Ceston to welcome Horace, Eric, and Jon. The next year you began to mature as a wter and leader. I've grown closer to you than ahost anyone else in these crazy years. I'll ever forget midget apartheid and our long talks. I' never forget you.

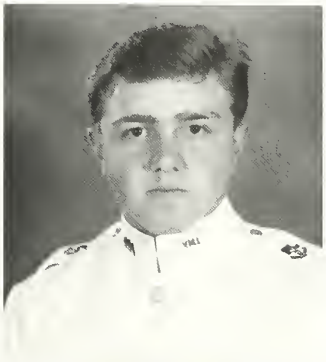
Dke 1990 - Chuck Ellis
Dke 1996 - Matt Nichols "Looseball"

*Achilles, VA*

PV 4,3,2,1; Cadet Battery 4,3,2; SLI 2, Club 13

## Paul B. Meadows

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**



*Sour Meadows, Dirt, Monkey,*

It's about that time - NOT! I guess you guys will have to come back here to visit me next year. I owe a lot of people a lot of thanks, especially you Mom & Dad. I'll never be able to repay you for all that you've done for me but just remember that I love you both more than anything in the world. Well Kid, I hope you stop training and avoid STD long enough to become a great engineer. Maybe you can help Hymie pay for his DUI, rehab, car insurance, and alimony. Grape-Ape try not to invest in too many ski resorts in Arizona. Hurricane, do you want some cheese with that whine or just another bourbon & coke? PR Wonder, good luck with grad. school, maybe you can work for Amnesty International afterwards. Straw, A.J., Be-Good, and Squeeze, I ain't afraid to belly-up to the shine-stool anytime. OK coach, put me in I'm ready to play...

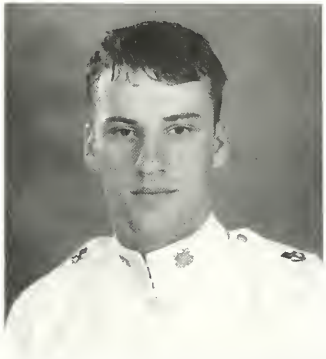
Dyke 1990 - Tony Lake '89
Heath Bain '89
Dyke 1996 - Matt Howell
Chris Mulligan

*Covington, VA*

Firefighters 3,2,1, Boxing 4,2, Member Club 335, 235, 118, RAT 4, Corporal 3, Civilian 2, First Class Pvt. F-Trooper 4,3,2,1.

## Brian L. Melvin

**ME & Math Minor / Coast Guard**



*Melvis, Coast Guard*

Coming to VMI wasn't a hard decision for me,it was the only school to which I was accepted. But coming here has been the best decision I've ever made. I can't say I've enjoyed my first 4 years, but I can't say I didn't either. It was definitely an experience that I'm most thankful that I was able to endure. VMI has taught me a lot. The only thing it hasn't taught me is "Why did I go to VMI?" I ask myself that question often but have yet to find an answer. But VMI has taught me how to make the best out of the worst: like an early stick to go to MBC or RMWC; or of an empty room on Sat night when my roommates leave me all alone. But that was all fun and games and soon the games will end. To my BR's; thank you for 4 good years and congratulations to a job well done. Come back and visit me. "I spent 4 years prostate to the higher mind, got my paper and was Free"-The Indigo Girls (To be Continued)

Dyke 1990 - Eric B. Carpenter
Dyke 1996 - Chris R. Jones
Matt P. Bogusky (Booger)

*Herndon, VA*

Conduct Pro 4; Ac Pro 3,2,1(every fall); Water Polo 2,1; Rat 4; CPL 3; Pvt 3,2,1; Illegal Car Club 3; ASME 2,1; Rack Pro 3,2,1; 65++++MPH Club of VA.

## John V. Meyer III

History / Army

*Deuce, Mayer*

How does one sum up four years of tears, laughter, pain, joy, the Ratline, Break Out, 3rd Class Year, Ring Figure, and finally FREEDOM? I am not even going to try, but I want to thank the people that helped me make it through this institute of higher education. First, I have to thank my roommates Dan, Mark, and Tim. You all are definitely the best friends I could ever have, and I'll miss you guys the most. Also, thanks to all of my friends, without whom, this place would have been unbearable. To my mother, thank you for all the years of love and help. My fiancee, Vivian, thank you for your love, understanding, and support. I cannot wait till June 12th and the rest of our lives together. Finally, thanks to my grandfathers, both of which are why I am here today.

Dyke 1990 - Chris Bish
Dyke 1996 - Peter Segersten
Vernon Wilkens

*Silver Spring, MD*

Rat 4, Cpl. 3, 3rd BSM 2, Re[illegible] List, Who's Who 1, DMS 1; Ranger Challenge [illegible], MNMBS 3.1, Airborne 3, Color Guard 3, [illegible] RACK MONSTER 3.2.1

## Thomas R. Michalow

I.S. & German / Special Student

*Wooly-man, Michelob, Laur*

"Life-In-Death was she... (VM1) ...'The game is done! I've won! I've won!' quoth she." Yes, I geeked out and opened with a quotation. However, it sums up how I feel. So much has happened and I've come so far only to ask why did it have to be so hard. I hope it was worth it and that this place didn't ruin me. Mom and Dad, I hope I haven't disappointed you too much. Hans, thank you for letting me grow up at your expense. Billy "Brooooown" Lee, thanks for putting up with me. Shut up Comer! Take it easy John. Echo BR's, I'll never forget. Chew Toy and Tom, stay righteous. Finally, to all my BR's and teachers who helped me get through this little piece of insanity - I owe you an un-repayable debt.

Dyke 1990 - BIFF
Dyke 1996 - Jared "nice shades" McCormick

*Pittsburgh, PA*

Color, 2nd, 6th and 4th corporal 3; Regimental Hoover Deluxe 3, Private 2.1; Fencing Team 4.3.1; German Exchange 2; severe psychological problems 4.3.2.1.

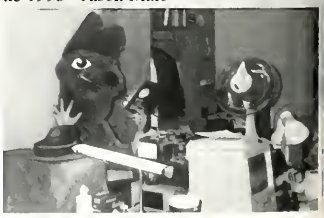
## Lowell T. Miller II

Electrical Engineering / Army

*Tom, Tommy, Eltee, Squash*

It is time, finally. Five years is a long tir but now I'm FREE!!!!!!. Now it is time to see these long hours of studying can really pay o Jennifer I love you. You have made the last thr years fly by. Thank-you for saying Yes. Dave v sure do make a pair. If we're not jumping c every bridge or building we find we're doi something else. I'm going to miss those lo study nights with the hacky sack breaks. Dudy was good to have you as our roommate you 94 Hey Tom, you're still wierd. Eric hang in the it is only two more years. Steve, remember I c still ball you up, well maybe. And last, Jasc keep out of trouble. To all my dykes, sti together and don't let the dyke line die. Go luck. Mom, Dad I owe you everything, I lo you. Thank-you.

Dyke 1990 - Pedro Dejesus '89
Dyke 1995 - Eric Swartz
Steve Shapiro
Dyke 1996 - Jason Malo

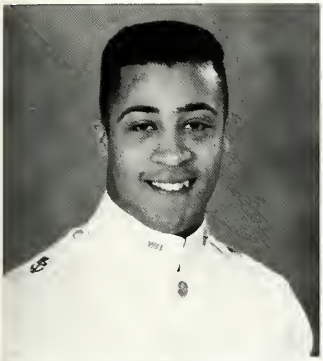


*Flint, MI*

Private 4.2.1; Corporal 3; Voice of the Corp 2.1; ERT 1; C Club 4.3.2, President 1; Navy wanabee 4.3.2.1; SLI 2.1; C 4.3.2.1; BSU 1; Realize I'm only Human club 1.

## Oscar R. Miller III

**History / Army**



*Oscar*

here really isn't enough room for me to say erything I would like to. There were times ring my cadetship where I thought I would ver have the opportunity to write this, but here m. I would just like to thank everyone that lped me get through this place. Friends, mily, but especially Mom and Dad. You guys ve done an awful lot of sacrificing for me, and plan to reimburse you by doing what you've ways told me to do: "Do your best, son, that's we ask." As for the friends I have made while V.M.I., thanks for the memories. Males and nales, you know who you are. Now that I look ck, I have to thank V.M.I. I can't say it has all en fun and games, but no matter what, I've urned things I would have never learned anyere else. Last but not least, I thank God for eing me get through. I don't know how many nes I prayed to you for guidance, but thanks for ing there. Until we meet again, goodbye M.I.

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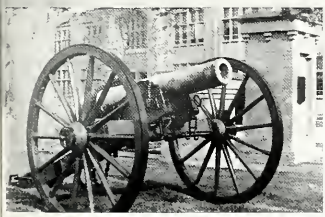
ke 1996 -

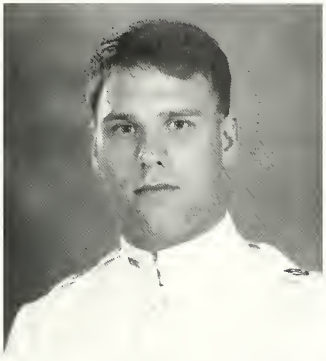


*Richmond, VA*

tball 4, Ranger company 2,1, Honor Court 1.

## G. Gilmer Minor IV

**History / Special Student**



*Bert, Colonel*

Who would have thought, huh? Four years have passed more quickly than I could have imagined. I've laughed, I've cried, and I've been on the virge of insanity, but I've grown and learned from it all. Now it's time to move on. There have been good times and bad, but that's pretty much the case with everything. Sandy, the value of your friendship has been priceless. The thank you's go without saying. To the rest of the boyz, Clue, D-dot, Dave, Schwag, Jorge, Fluff, Nisky, B.A., your friendship will not be forgotten, and our time to play is not yet over. Andy and Gray, you've not only been good Dykes, you've been good friends as well. Keep the faith. Mom, Dad, Charlotte, and Cameron, your love and support over these four years almost made this place bearable. My thanks and love for you all cannot be put into words, and without all the support, I would not have made it. I'm outta here!

Dyke 1990 - Tom Slater
Dyke 1996 - Andy "Ponch" Creekmore
Gray "Fast" Lane

*Richmond, VA*

Virgin Private; Hair Club For Men 2,1; Cadet Staff 1; VMIT 1; Baseball 4,3; Miserable 4,3,2,1

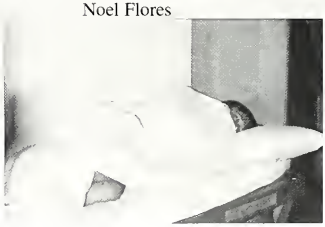
## John D. Moore

**International Studies / Navy**

*Lunchbox,LB,Bushead*

Mom and Dad, thanks for keeping the faith, I owe you one. VMI has proven one thing to me, that there is nothing to prove. Sometimes I wonder how I made it through this prison in one piece. I suppose that was the real test. To all of the fellas; just chill. Tom, thanks for staying around. What would I do without "Nature Boy?" Its been a long road since 474 but we are on the brink of ???. Adam & Cole, we all know you miss the "I." Hey Jerd, I hear VMI needs donations. Chup, you need a hug; Keith, what can I say besides "Hey MANNN." Oh, I almost forgot, Boris, you can borrow my CD's anytime. Knapp, Bissel, and associated puppets; SUCKERS!!! The Institute has been heard from today. RAH VA MIL.

Dyke 1990 - Dave "Yock" Yockel
Dyke 1996 - Corrie Brice
Noel Flores



*Chesapeake, VA*

F-TROOP 4,3,2,1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4,3; Trident Society 2,1; Computer Assistant 3,2,1; VMI Firefighters 1; Wanna be graduated 4,3,2,1; Peacenik 4,3,2,1.

## John P. Morbitzer

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**

***Bitzer, Stresser***

I came to VMI looking for a challenge. I got more than I could have ever imagined. After four years and numerous summers in Lexington, I now find myself laughing every day. The laughter is the result of more unbelievable experiences than the mind can fathom. I can't imagine going through this place without all of my bizarre friends, another constant source of laughter. I feel compelled to thank my BR's, family, friends and a few professors for years of emotional support which made life bearable. I want to take my experiences, my sense of humor, my friendships, and, especially, my diploma and look toward the future with a smile.

Dyke 1990 - Paul Tallat-Kelpsa
Dyke 1996 - Chris Watson

*Cin[illegible]*

Pres. CIG 1; CIG 2,1; Cpt [illegible] drunners 2; Summer Scholar 3,2,1; S[illegible] Contingent 1

## Kevin M. Morello

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

***Jello, Silver Fox, Moogaboo***

These past four years have definitely been the most interesting of my life. I can now admit the Institute has been beneficial in helping me realize my strong points and limitations. To my parents, I could not have asked for more love and support especially when I was struggling academically. I would not have made it this far without you. Though swimming was a long and tough road, I would not have done it any other way and will never forget my experiences with the team. One thing I would never trade is the friendships made through my roommates. Jim, you were there in my lean months, Jiz, I needed the comic relief, and Spencer, you know I always wanted to be the big guy in the room. Thanks for being there for me.

Dyke 1990- C. "Cujo" Tujo
Dyke 1996- "Marky" Mark Hunsicker

*Newport News, VA*

Swimming 4,3,2,1; Captain 1; Lt. 1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; at JMU 2,1; Varsity Eating Team 2,1; Small Guy in Room 2,1

## Michael D. Morgan II

**English / Special Student**

***Money***

Well, I guess the end is finally near. M[illegible] and Dad, I love you and I thank you for all [illegible] opportunities you have given me. We may [illegible] see eye-to-eye on everything, but you have giv[illegible] me the freedom to grow and I am a better pers[illegible] for it. Thanks! Rossi, I'm glad we can fina[illegible] spend five minutes with each other without fig[illegible]ing. Good luck in all you do. Tony, these f[illegible] years went by quick huh! I'm glad we hooked [illegible] and you've helped me make it through he[illegible] Thanks, and I'll be by Langley soon! Fred, wh[illegible] the hell is Dallas? Teresa, who would h[illegible] believed we would still be talking six mon[illegible] later? To all the fellas, Ray, Hunt, DJ, Lil' C[illegible] Bill, Cuz, Jack(Yoakum), Rob, Lo, Charles, [illegible] Spike: take care and stay in touch. Damani, [illegible] your mind to it and make it out of here! I'm a[illegible] 5!

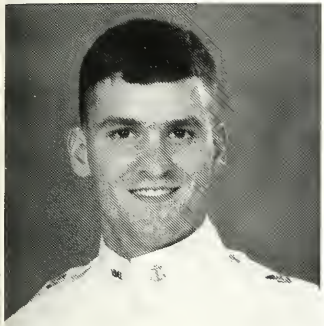
Dyke 1990 - Mike Kemp
Dyke 1996 - Damani Wallace

*Roanoke, VA*

Virgin Private; Football 4,3,2,1; Student 2,1; Room 478, 5[illegible] 346, 237, 141; Ghost Rat 4; Honorable Mention All-Pro 2

## Kevin J. Morris

**International Studies / Navy**



*Young One, More Eye*

Reflecting on four years at VMI in such a sort space is impossible, but I'll try. Even now I till ask myself "Why?" and "Would I do it ain?" as all cadets have undoubtedly done sce 1839. Well, I really don't know. Neverthe-ls, those of us who have made it to this point ve definitely earned the title of "survivor" cause that's exactly what you have to be in oler to make it. Of course, I had help on the way shere are my "thank you's": Mon, Dad, and hy - I think VMI was harder on ya'll than me; ex and Chamby - my co-proprieters of club 49 and our guests Po and the AMERICAN illis). To Vic (Kato) the lush boy - Connells? Em - you already know "tio". Finally to my boy ark Schroeder - Thanks for four years of adven-ie in '49 with many more to come. Now it's ie to fly!

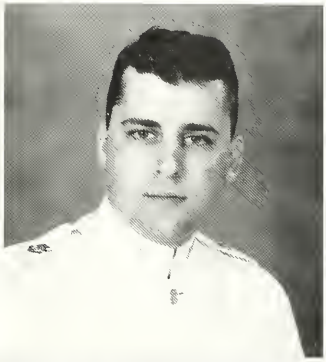
Eke 1990 - Buddy Garbett
Eke 1996 - Jethro Piland (honorary)
Michalski
Morris

*Mechanicsville, VA*

R4; 1st Cpl C Co 3; Reg Color Sgt 2; Spain 1; S-6 Lt 1; Veyball 4,3, Tres 2, Capt 1; JMU night school 3,2

## Thomas E. Morris

**Biology / Special Student**



*Elmo, Paintball*

SEE YA NEXT YEAR!!!!!!!

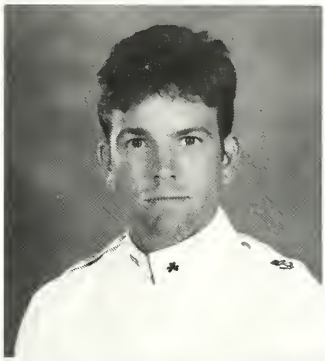
Dyke 1990 - Mike Pilly
Dyke 1996 - They're both gone!

*Yorktown, Va.*

Soccer 4,2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; Cpl 3; Dean's List; College Republicans 2,1;

## Joseph K. Moxley

**Biology / Special Student**



*Mad Mox, The Mox, Moxman*

Once upon a time, there lived a boy in the heart of Virginia who was destined for adventure and academic continuance. He was a happy lad until the silver tongued minions of VMI painted a grandiose picture of what college life for a real man should be. On August 15, 1989, he faced a rude awakening as he realized that he had committed himself to the hardest college in America. Four years would pass until The Mox Man would see freedom once again, and perhaps this story will have a happy ending. I thank my family, for I'm starting to realize the struggle they must have gone through to get me to this point. Thank you. I thank all my BRs for incredible memories. Don't forget them! Buddah, Keg, Norm, Rick, Shady, 235, Fat, Cookie, BB Dead, Ether, Stringy, Dog and Morb Take Care Brothers!!!!!

Dyke 1990 - Mike"Iron Mike" Trahar
Dyke 1996 - Bryan "Cookie" Cooke

*Nelson Co., VA*

Cadet Programs Board 1; Sports Med. 2,1; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1; Rank 3,2,1 Busted; Oppressed 4,3,2,1; Administration Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Fugazi Task Force, Block Runners Association

## Mare A. Mueller

**English / Army**

***Ferris, Mule, Dog, Lex Boy***

I can still remember my high school English teacher screeching "VMI? Why do you want to go to VMI?" I still don't know what compelled me to come to VMI (nor do any of the Lex Boys for that matter), but I wouldn't have had it any other way. No, I didn't know all about this place—no one can ever know VMI without experiencing VMI first hand. But the Lex Connection made all the difference—and YES, Col. Williams we do appreciate all those memorandums on our behalf—the Lex Boys had this place licked! Kelly, my high school sweetheart and wife to be, thank you for putting up with me and the "I"—I can only imagine how trying it was and I love you for it. As for my family what can I say you're the greatest. I love you all. To the members of the Rat English Study Carrels—always remember SANCTUARY!!

Dyke 1990 - Sal Bora
Dyke 1996 - Chris Feltmann

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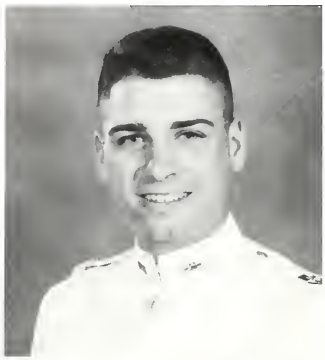
## Bradley D. Nadig

**International Studies / Army**



***Twin, Nawdig, Dig***

Now, it is my turn to write my first class history. It is hard to believe that my four years are up, but I am happy to be at the end of the tunnel. I came to VMI to test myself physically and mentally, and this school has done that. To take the "road less traveled" is what VMI is all about, and the last four years have been the hardest road I have traveled. To my good friends, Cameron, Dan, Nick, Jason, and Phil: thank you for the support and watching my wrestling matches - we sure did show them! To the one person who helped me make it through here, my twin brother, Mark. If it was not for you pulling me through the hard times, I would not of made it. With all my heart, I must thank my Mom and Dad and my two other brothers. I would not of made it here without your love and support. I am glad you pushed me so hard because it has paid off. I love you.

Dyke 1990 - George Rahab
Dyke 1996 - Adam "Joey" Mickiewicz

*Saline, MI*

PVT 4; CPL,PVT 3; RGT S-6 SGT 2; RGT S-2 CPT 1; Summer School 4, 3,2; Wrestling 4,3,2; Run For Life 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2,1; 6 1/2 Club 2,1; Old School 4,3,2,1.

## Mark D. Nadig

**Civil Engineering / Army**

***Twin, Dig, Taurus***

Four years have passed, and it is tim[illegible] write my first class history. I am not sure of [illegible] to say, but I will probably surprise myself [illegible] cause VMI has been one surprise after anoth[illegible] came here as a History major, leave here [illegible] Civil Engineering major, and I am entering [illegible] Army as an officer after graduation. One t[illegible] is for sure, and that is VMI was the best schoo[illegible] me to attend. In May, I will finally get my [illegible] I had the opportunity to wrestle at the Divis[illegible] level, and I have made the closet friends [illegible] which I know I will miss. Erik and Jeff, thank [illegible] for putting up with the stories and visiting [illegible] Brad, you motivated me when wrestling [illegible] academics seemed to pile up. Mom and D[illegible] owe you the most because you gave me the [illegible] and opportunity to be a successful, confi[illegible] man. Your little boy has grown up and he is r[illegible] to meet the real world. Thank you.

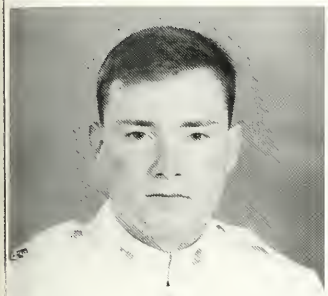
Dyke 1990 - Mike Ober
Dyke 1996 - David Hall

*Saline, MI*

PVT 4,3; RGT S-2 SGT 2; RGT S-6 CPT 1; Wrestling 4,2,1; ASCE 2, 1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Summer School 4,3,2; Old School 4,3,2,1.

## Eric W. Natale

**I.S. / Special Student**



***B.B., E.D.E., Bon-Bon, Bat-Man***

The members of room 113 decided that they vuld write their class history each on one of the rmbers of the room. Jason Held: Through the yrs I have seen you grow from the flame of our Tird Class year to the flirt of First Class Year. I ave seen a friend mature. You have a good hd and a sincere heart- if only you had called bk all those girls in the PX they would know tt too. I wish you luck and success and hope our fndship far exceeds our retirements.

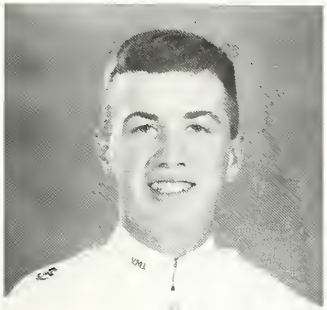
Dke 1990 - Steve Negas
Dke 1996 - Mark Rawlings a.k.a. "Clueball"

*Mount-Laurel, NJ*

Cl 13, International Relations 2; Trident Society 4,3,2; Cpl 3; t 2,1; Alcoholic-In-Transition 1

## Thomas P. Nelson III

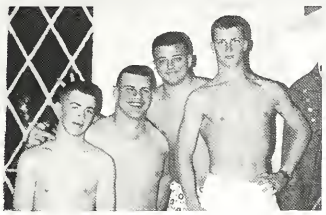
**History / Army**



***Mandella, Red, Pig, CoolGuy***

There I was, beginning what was to be the hardest experience of my life. Fortunately, the cadre gave me a heart warming welcome which made me feel like I was in, heck who knows where? Rat year in 474, was filled with room wrestling, and Old Corps Sleeping. Third Class year proved to be another struggle as I fought to gain academic success (NOT!) and to conform my new roommate to the dark side. Second Class year brought the NDC pizza parties and salsa fests into what was to be probably the best year at the "I." First Class year brought new hopes and fears as the end was near but through it all Mom, Dad, Jennifer, and Elizabeth were there. Thanks! Adam+Cole+John, 474 rocks the house! Jerd+Chickenboy, look up here! Hi Matt+Carrie. Its been fun, Its been real, but it hasn't been real fun, later dude!

Dyke 1990 - Mike "Hua!" Green
Dyke1996 - Jim "Rat RDC" Farrell
Ray "Look Up Here" Staton

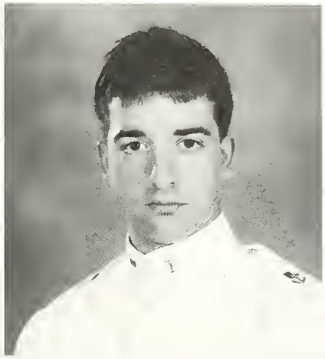


*Middlebrook, VA*

FTroop 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; S-2 Bn Lt.; Ranger Challenge 2,1;Terhune Fan Club 3; Dear John Club 3; NDC 2,1; Club 474 4; WWF Room Wrestling 4,3,2,1

## Richard T. Nevitt

**Economics-Business / Navy**



***Dawg, Boots***

Upon matriculation, I remember arriving with a distinct smile of accomplishment. Well, it didn't take me long to intentionally loose that smile. Eventually, that feeling of accomplishment returned when I was finally able to get away from this place on the weekends. It was during this time that I spent way from VMI that I realized the indirect benefits of being a VMI man and thus here I am today-only 185 days and a wake up! Ranger Blob, I never thought while I carried you up Sup's hill during the first day of Cadre that you would become such a great friend and roommate. From our adventures at Mardi Gras to your midnight "crash-n-burn" counseling in the nut hut, you have made for a quick and enjoyable three years. A-Frame, Pig, Chief, "kicking chicken," and to my other BR's, ya'll have been the greatest and our friendship I will always prize. And lastly, my utmost gratitude goes out to my loving parents whose efforts have made this all possible.

Dyke 1990 - Chris "Elvis" Huff
Dyke 1996 - Matthew Williamson

*Louisville, KY*

Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Cadre 3,2; Corporal; Master Sergeant; Trident Society 4,3,2,1; Civil War Round Table 4,3,2,1; EC 2; Regimental Band 4,3,2; Bambi Busting 3,2,1.

## Bryan D. Newman

**History-I.S. / Army**

***BoBo, Newmbust, Bowl, Biff***

My history at VMI is a four year record of growth, frustration, anger, happiness, friends made and never lost, and an increasing hatred of wool clothing. My mother and father are parts of that history which cannot be erased, for without them I would never have survived. Also, The Corner is an integral part of the history of what I did and how I lived here, for it is here where my truest and best friends lived (pile-ons, Scorch-sessions, and other activities best left to Moody hall reminiscing). My friends, to include my roommates, will please forgive my comments and bass playing, and I can only hope that I haven't rubbed off on them as much as they've rubbed off on me, for they'd surely be the worse. I Love you Mom and Dad. To the corner and my BR's: Goodbye, farewell, and Bass!

Dyke 1990 - Neil Whitmore
Dyke 1996 - Doug Bartlett

*Harrisonburg, VA*

PVT 4.1, CPL 3, SGT 2, [illegible] 1, Ranger Plt 2, The Lounge 2.1, The Corner 3.2.1, Pat [illegible] Lutions Club 3.2.1

## Minh C. Nguyen

**Biology / Special Student**

***Tunnel Rat***

I really enjoyed my one and half years away from VMI, and for the next two years while you all will be enjoying your life in the real world. I know I will be miserable, so good luck to all of you (BRs).

Dyke 1990 - William Arnold
Dyke 1996 -

*Roanoke, Va*

Saudi Arabia adventure; USMCR; Virgin Private.

## Erik R. Nilsson

**History / Navy**

***Bubbles, Crazy, Miami***

I am the same person today that I was fo years ago. . . NOT!! I am not too sure just wh VMI has done for me, but I am sure son psychiatrist will figure it out some day. Fla backs of towels, shoes, and a man with many shirts haunt my dreams. Mom and Dad, you w never know just how important you are to me your support was not there, I would be at F right now (probably getting plastered and havi fun!!). Thank you for your support. Mom, t ring will always be yours. Dad, the great honor for me, will be getting commissioned you, nothing else will ever compare. Mike a Jeff, just remember Virginia Beach in the stor we'll always be there. Kevin, have a good ti here at the "I", it isn't impossible. VMI, it has been exactly fun but, I'll donate the first bid

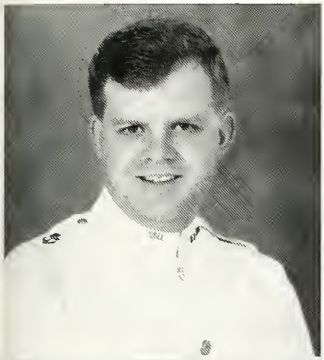
Dyke 1990 - Dave "The Boy" Amsden
Dyke 1996 - Kevin "Nuthin'" Wampler

*Miami, FL*

Swim Team 4,3; Glee Club 4,3,2; Cpl. 3; Pvt. 4,2,1; M Training 2,1; Water Polo 2,1; Spawn Club; Culture Vul e 3,2,1; VMI Fire Fighters 2,1(Pres.); Cynic & Smart Ass Cl 4,3,2,1; Club 163

## J. Sills O'Keefe

**History / Special Student**



### *Sloth, Stills, Swills*

When I got here in August of 1989 I thought knew what was coming. Boy, was I wrong! Rat ear was a year that I will never forget. There ere some things done which I will never live own. Most of all, I will remember it as the year the death of my friend. Dave Brazier. The year at I spent away from this place also was good d bad. It was good in that I finally figured out hat I want to do with my life. It was bad because all that I missed up here. Since my return I've ecome somewhat disenchanted with this place. can think of no other institution that can put meone on ac pro after making a 3.3 or would ve him a #1 for something he had no part in. I ant to thank my family and friends for putting with me and VMI, especially Peg, Will, Jim, d Traver. Good Luck to all of my Rats. I'll see u next year (I hope?).

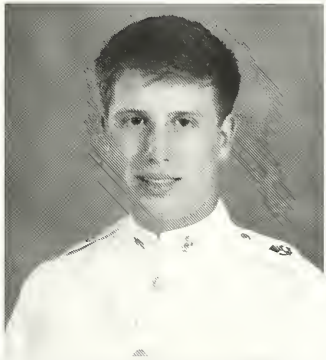
yke 1990 - Todd Blekicki
yke 1996 - Pete "Mel Gibson" Ehlers
Doug Hall "—"

*Norfolk, VA*

rgin PVT; Civilian 3; BOMB 2,Ad Mgr 1; All Pro 4,1; Ac with a 3.0 1;Ac Dud to Ac Stud (Sort Of) 2; VMI Summer holar 4,2,1,1/2 (?); F-Trooper 4,3,2,1; GMBA 2; #1 Club lected in Absentia) 1; Illegal Car Club 2; Lived w/ Ranftl 2; xed 2,1.

## Harry W. Oldfield III

**History & I.S. / USMC**



### *Corky, Harry-O*

When May rolls around I know one thing I'm going to be sure of is that I definitely will not miss being here. What I will miss are all the good times that I had with my roommates, Brandon, Jim, Chris, Shawn, and yes, even you Matt (after all the grief you have given me), and all my other BR's that I've come to know so well. To name a few, Rms. 150, 148, 126, 122, 109, 119, S-50, and JM. Iwould also like to thank the VMI Lacrosse teams 90-93, the coaches, the families, and Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett. I would also like to thank Meredith for making my last two years here most enjoyable and hopefully for many more to come. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank my brother, Matt, and my parents, for without them, and the people mentioned above, I would not have made it through VMI.

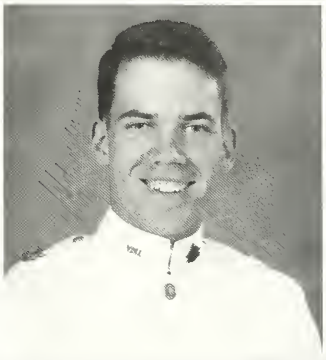
Dyke 1990 - Timothy L. Spence '89
Dyke 1996 - Jason M. Dobson
Peter J. Kokolis

*Perry Hall, MD*

Varsity Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; S-5 Counselor 2,1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Pres. Shooting Club 1; Scuba Club 1; College Republicans 1; Semper Fi 1;

## J. Neil Osbon

**English / Non-Hacker**



### *Obzon, Treebon, Yngwie*

I play guitar. It's one of the very few things I still enjoy doing after this eon of purgatory at VMI. Still, I take pride in EVERYTHING Rat year. I only regret that I already know 90% of the most reliable, honest people I will ever meet. The Class of '93 was ALWAYS the best class in Barracks, and everybody knew it. 1996, you have inherited the legacy of '87 and '90. Follow our lead. Dave and Troy, I've never had better friends—I'm glad I finally got to live with both of you. Mom, Dad, and Keith, thanks for the eternal support. I love you. And for the rest of you, listen to Hendrix, the Allman Brothers, and Pat Metheny. It's the best stuff out there. To sum up four years, as David Felton said: "Any loss of self esteem just adds to the rush."

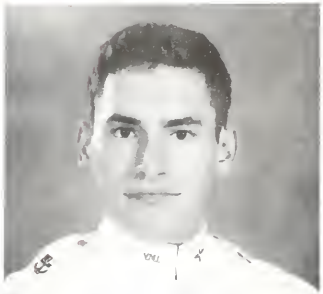
Dyke 1989 - Andrew H. Hoofnagle
Dyke 1990 - Stephen M. Yarbrough
Dyke 1996 - "Way Kool" Karl Painter

*Richmond, VA*

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Pvt w/Stripes 2, Lt. 1, High on Stress 4, Econ KIA ,HMWHC 2, Rappelling CIC 1, Barracks 500 1, Jamming During Evening CQ 4,3,2,1.

## Jon N. Pardew

**History / Army**



***Daddy, Lonewolf***

I don't think I can find the words to describe the way I feel about VMI but I can find plenty to say about the people that made it all possible. Mom thanks you are truly the best. Dad if not for you I wouldn't be writing this history. I love you both. Paul thanks for blazing the trail. Dave look out you may be next. Now for the roomates. Hans, Semper Fi, keep up the hard work. Big Brian, you took everything I had and came back for more. Cas, "Keep on rockin in the Free World." I'll play with you anytime. Kelly, we have been through it all together, good and bad. I couldn't have asked for better. You all made my stay here not only an experience but quite an adventure. Max make the most of it because it will be over before you know it.

Dyke 1990 - Joe Pittman
Dyke 1996 - Max Casteleyn

Football 4,3,2; Sergeant [illegible] PW 1; "The Three" 1; Football Coaches [illegible]

## Michael L. Parker

**History / Special Student**

***Tex, Mike***

"To be, or not to be, that is the ?:... The heartache & the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to; 'tis a consummation Devoutly to be wished. To die, to sleep-To sleep perchance to dream -ay, there's the rub, For in that sleep of death what dreams may come...." Rm.354: Marc the Epicurean=Fin–out! Milay, my brother-"I'm tired of hiding out w/you all in the woods" - "If I can't drink it, no one else is"- G.T.T. Chuck - Did you ever make it to that tree? Don't shoot it down. Mike- You forgot something. Me-Did he crawl to the sentinel box? Others-Mike L.-Good guys finish last! Jon-Memories.. Ed(Mr.Food Lion)-U Gotta be hard. J.N.-Y.K.M.A. Love U. Mom-Dad, Thank U! esp. when I was rebellious - I Love U both. Everyone not mentioned, but not forgotten - Be Strong! Adieu.

Dyke 1990 - Barry "the B-ball Boy" Maxon
Dyke 1996 - Chris Guerra -left, not quite

*Fredericksburg, TX*

Roadrunners, Band Co.-Cymbals & Guide-On, Virgin Pvt., Firefighters, Theater, C.W.R.T., 4 Yrs. Summer-School, Grocery Basket Riding

## Samuel C. Partin

**History / Air Force**

***Sammy Sambo Thrash***

It doesn't seem like Four years have pas[illegible] seems like just yesterday I was making [illegible] decision to come here. I have made a numbe[illegible] good friends who have also had to deal with [illegible] ----this place dishes out. And I believe we d[illegible] with it the best way that we could (Usu[illegible] Drinking until we were oblivious of our [illegible] roundings). They say that VMI makes you a n[illegible] In my case believe it is true. I had fun in H[illegible] School but I grew up and learned responsibi[illegible] and respect at VMI. If I would have gone to T[illegible] or some other place I would be some fat l[illegible] piece, but here I learned to push myself to sta[illegible] shape and have self control. Last but not le[illegible] I would like to thank my parents for putting [illegible] with me and supporting me. I could not h[illegible] done it without you. Thank You.

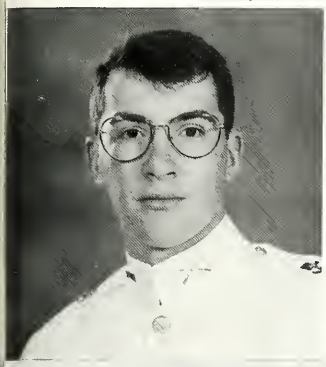
Dyke 1990 - Douglas M. Robinson
Dyke 1996 - Christopher Kavanaugh

*Roanoke, VA*

Rat 4,Cpl 3,Sgt 2,Pvt 1;Arnold Air Society 4,3,2,1 Transportation Officer 2, Public Affairs 1;VMI Intnl Club 2, [illegible] 1;Football 4 Martial Arts Club 2,Volleyball Team 1;Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2;Gold Coast W[illegible] 3,2,1.

## Hans Karl Pauley

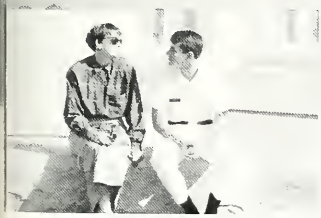
**History, I.S. / Army**



*Clausewitz, Punisher*

Before I came to VMI I heard repeatedly that this school would transform me from a boy into a man. Certainly my first years of immature behavior have now been replaced by new images of life and responsibility. I credit this change to several things. First, I credit my parents with teaching me independence and self-reliance. Second, I credit my decision to study the liberal arts. Third, I credit my experiences at the Institute, both official and otherwise. Finally, I credit Mary Beth for teaching me about love, sacrifice, and life. I must finish by thanking those who have made a difference along the way. Tom, Ely, and John: The times have been interesting. Todd, Dave, Matt Steve, and Rob: thanks for all the great times. Mom, Dad, Bill, Henry, and Ezel, thanks for the love and support. Lastly, I want to give a big Thank You to Mary Beth. I like you and look forward to spending my life with you.

Dyke 1990 - Thomas C. West
Dyke 1996 - Curt M. Bourn

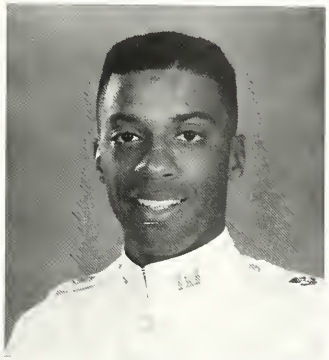


*Marietta, GA*

Pvt 2;Cpl 3;Sgt 2;S-5 Staff 43;Rat Training Sqd Ldr 3;Colleg Republicans 2;(Reg Liaison Officer);O.G.A. 1;Ring Fire Magazine 2;Volleyball 2(Sec);Big Bro/Little Bro 1.

## Jonathan A. Penn

**History / Special Student**



*J.P.*

When I first came to VMI, I was introduced to the "strains" and frustrations of being away from home for the first time but, over the last four years I've have grown in to being a responsible and honorable young man. VMI has helped mold me into a confident and strong minded person who will have the ability to deal with the world and all the different situations one may face while traveling down the road of life. I would like to give my deepest gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ for all of his blessings He has given me! To all of my roommates from the beginning to the end. Thanks, and a special shout out goes to my boyz in C-82, a.k.a. the "SOUTH WARD." Juan, Lewis, and Shawn our friendship is forever. To all the members of the basketball team I want to say thanks! We are all a family and I couldn't have made it without your support. My family and friends back in the "LASKI," thanks for being in my corner from day one. Lori, I love you and thank you for staying by my side. To my dykes Lawrence and Howard I wish you the best of luck.

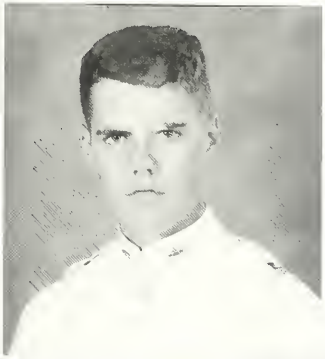
Dyke 1990 - Damon Williams
Dyke 1996 - Lawrence Gullette
Howard Byrd

*Pulaski, VA.*

Member of the Basketball Team 4,3,2,1,; Member of the Promaji Club 4,3,2,1,; 1st Batt. S-6; Voted All Southern Conference '91-'92; Member of the Promaji Gospel Choir 2nd class year.

## Adam W. Perin

**Computer Science / Army**



*Spot,A-Man,Saddam*

First class year! It's hard to believe. It seems like only yesterday I was straining under the wrath of Tripp Anderson. I've spent four long years at VMI, but as I look back upon them, they seem to have flown by me. I take great comfort in knowing that I made the right choice. VMI has given me more than I can imagine. Honor, discipline, self-worth, pride, confidence, and above all the best friends I've ever had. As I look forward to graduation, I feel a great sadness at leaving my BR's. I'll miss you more than I can say. John - you were a good roommate - I know you'll strike it rich. Jim-keep on winning! Mark and Paul - See you in the army! Dave-Thanks for all the good times - fly high in the Marines! Bob and Randy - Don't lose your motivation, it will get tougher, but I promise you it's worth it.

Dyke 1990 - Brian Tate
Dyke 1996 - Bob Swahn
Randy Redder

*Cincinnati, OH*

Pvt 4;Cpl 3;Ops Sgt 2;1 Bn S-1 1;Ranger Plt 4.2;Tanker Plt 3;Rat Trng 1;H Co 4,3.2,1;Class Patch Artist 4;Airborne 3;Misadventures 2,1;Cannonball Comm. 3.

## John C. Perry

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

### *Chef*

The end has finally come, and all I can say is that it is so bitter sweet. Considering all things, this has been the best four years of my life. I can honestly say that I have experienced it all: academic highs and lows, major confinement, 3rd class hell, intense brotherhood, ring figure, and finally, graduation. I have learned many things from this institution, its rules, the rulers, and my friends. I will take from this place many harsh lessons and endeavor to reflect upon my experiences. They will give me guidance. My memories will be only fond. To my Brother Rats...may we always be one. To my roommates...I will cherish our friendship wherever I go. To Mom, Dad, Kendra and Erica...your love is my guiding force, you have made me strong, I love you.

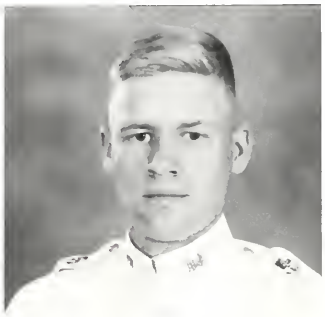
Dyke 1990 - Bill "Donahuge" Donahue
Dyke 1996 - Chae Thompson

[illegible]

Sgt. 2; First Class [illegible] Rat Training Cadre 3, Boxing 2, [illegible] Society 3,2,1

## John A. Peters

**Civil Engineering / USMC**



### *High Speed, High Strung*

The decision to attend V.M.I., was entirely my own. I wasn't pressured in any way, but I must say that I couldn't have made it without the support of others. My father and mother have been there for me for everything. I could always turn to them when things got tough and there were plenty of those times. Hunter, you're the big brother I never had; thanks for everything. Leighann, you've given me a new outlook on life. I hope you'll always be there for me.

Dyke 1990 - Hunter Trumbo
Dyke 1996 - Jim Zepko

*Alexandria, VA*

Cpl. 3, Reg Color Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1, Rat Training 3,2,1; Marine Corps and Marti Gras Marathon 2; New Market Honor Guard 4,3.

## Michael E. Peters

**Mathematics / Special Student**

### *The Kid, Snot-nosed, Lex Boy*

I can not believe that we are abou[illegible] graduate from the "I" - it seems like yeste[illegible] that we showed up for matriculation. As ba[illegible] this place can be at times, it is surprising [illegible] quickly our time here has passed. First of [illegible] want to thank God for giving me the streng[illegible] put up with the Institute. Mom, Dad, E[illegible] David, and Grandad - I love you all very m[illegible] and I am grateful that you were there wh[illegible] needed you. In my four years here, I am [illegible] thankful that I was able to make a terrific g[illegible] of friends- Ferris, Googs, Dick, Clavin, [illegible] Room 152, my teammates, etc.- you guys ar[illegible] best. I wish the best of luck to my teammates [illegible] my dykes in their upcoming years at VMI.

Dyke 1990 - Jeff Paul
Dyke 1996 - Rusty Parrino
Ryan Olson

*Lexington, VA*

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Ac. Stars 3,2,1; Virgin Private; Lexi[illegible] Connection 4,3,2,1; Car in county 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,2[illegible]

## Robert G. Peterson

**History / Special Student**

*Pete, Smaj, Nobbie*

ell it has been 4 years, but it really doesn't n like it was that long. First, I would like to k my parents, without whose support I would e never made it to VMI. To my long time mates Mitch and Van: living with you guys e VMI a lot easier. Mitch, I hope you keep innocence. Van, if you have any left, I hope don't destroy it too soon. Of course I cannot et my Rat roommates Po, Matt, and Steve. wish you and your beautiful wife Diane all happiness in the world. Steve, I enjoyed g in the destruction of your purity. Matt, re still a SCHMOO! Stokes, I'll never forget because you are as obnoxious as I am. Hemi, e you find the ultimate car and tatoo. To my s, Joel and Jim, I hope you will make the of what VMI has to offer. Good Luck.

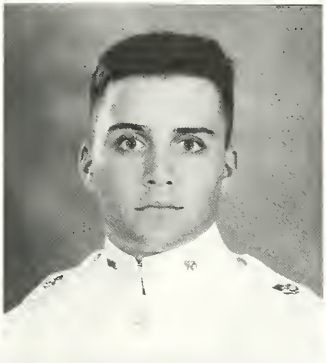
e 1990 - John Franklin
e 1996 - Joel Benecke
Jim Jones

*Stone Mountain, GA*

olor Guard 3,2; Reg. Color Corporal 3; Reg. Sgt. Major 2 BN Co 1; Ranger Challenge 3; Pre-Law Society 1; as list 3,2;

## Louis J. Petrillo Jr.

**History / Air Force**



*PIG, Ultimate Male*

To my parents: who, throughout my life, have rejoiced in my advances, been disquieted in my stalemates, and anguished in my retrograde movements, I thank you for all the love and support you have shown me, while I was at VMI. Also, to Ashley, thank you for putting up with VMI as much as had too. To my roommates Tom, Mike, and Dan I leave an explanation as to why we accepted the challenges of VMI, and in turn have become VMI men: "And though you be done to death, what then? If you battled the best you could: If you played your part in the world of men, Why, the critic will call it good. Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce, And whether he's slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts, But only, how did you die?" — Edmund Vance Cooke

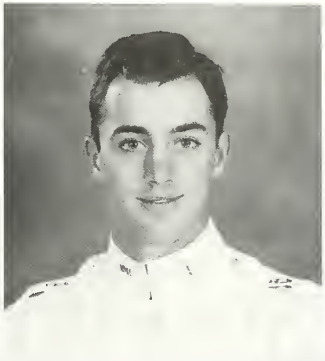
Dyke 1990 - Brian D. Tate
Dyke 1996 - Stuart Chamberlain
Jason R. Williams

*New Canaan, CT*

Survivor 4,3,2,1,.Cadre Cpl:1st Sgt.:PT Inst.: RDC: 2ndBn S-4: at BN Staff: CIC PT Inst.: V.P. RDC: Ring Fig. Design Cmtee.: Deans List: Who's Who Among Students in American Un. and Colleges

## David T. Petty

**History / Special Student**



*Little Fellow, Paddy*

Yes, VMI has taught me honor and pride which I will carry with me for the rest of my life, but the one thing I will hold somewhat closer are the people I have met here. Schwag (my original roommate) three years and we didn't kill each other-I know you can not wait to get the----- out of here. Kirby wake-up. Todd I tried to break you but failed. Couldn't have made it without ya'll - it's been real. AWJ#3 you made this place liveable. George how about a ROOOAD TRIP. Z-MAN where are you. Mom and Papa I just hope I can be as good a parent as you have been to me. THANKS for the support - Love You. "It's a half an inch of water and you think you're gonna drown. That's the way the world goes round.." - - JP

Dyke 1990 - Buddy Garbett
Dyke 1996 - Brady Crone
Darrin "Martiny" Marting

*Lynchburg, Va*

Golf 4,3,2,1, Corporal 3, Pvt 2,1, GC 3,2,1, Year Round Student, Pervert Corner Warrior 3,2, Acting Pres. for Phi Alpha Delta.

## Brian L. Piccioni

**Business & Econ. / Special Student**

*Lance, Pinchman*

One thing I'll never regret is coming to VMI. Though I've done my fair share of complaining, the intangibles I've reaped from this Institute are unbelievable. Contrary to common popular belief, I've put forth a great deal of effort to get to the end of the road, and so has "my team." Mom and Dad, you've made me understand what hard work is all about, both academically and athletically. Your moral and financial support have been second to none. I love you both. Crew 122, the time has come and I want to say. Kelly, glad you could join us. Kevin, "keep workin on these." Raleigh, can't wait to get a place together. Fellow swimmers, you're the best: ICKY ICKY...STAY COCKY! Sarah, you've made the difference. The chips are on the table and the wheel is in spin. The last game has begun.

Dyke 1990 - Mike Mullori
Dyke 1996 - Scott Harper

*Fairfax*

Swimming [illegible] Intramural [illegible] CREW [illegible]

## Eric S. Plogger

**Econ.& Business / Special Student**

*E.*

Now that my four years at the Institute are over, I look forward to moving on to the rest of my life. I hope that the Institute has prepared me for this task. I would like to thank my parents for always being there when I needed anything, and for going out of their way to do things for me. I know I don't always seem like I appreciate it, but I do. It would have been much tougher to make it through this place without you.

Dyke 1990 - Beau Quattrone
Dyke 1996 - Jamie Yoxtheimer

*Lexington, VA*

Football 4,3,2,1

## Charles T. Pollok II

**History / Navy**

*Polelocker*

Its been an interesting four years at VM[illegible] have learned many things about myself [illegible] human nature during my incarceration at V[illegible] and probably some things I shouldn't have learn[illegible] To me, VMI was kind of like getting a flu sh[illegible] I may not like it, but it was good for me. I [illegible] not miss VMI, but I will miss my Brother R[illegible] and the friends I have made here. Jason, I h[illegible] you become a good Lawyer; I'll need one. R[illegible] don't ever sell the S.S. John Harper, I'll see [illegible] in Vegas, Elvis lives through you. Craig, d[illegible]t sink the sub. when the time comes Chuck [illegible] give me a list of names and addresses i'll do [illegible] rest, F. Freling. Weeda, stay away from min[illegible] and cargo planes full of Bibles. Shane, y[illegible] brillance overwhelmes, confuses and fright[illegible] me. Rats, good luck and God bless. You'll n[illegible] it. Donohue, look both ways before crossing [illegible] street and Epp, don't shoot the blaze orange

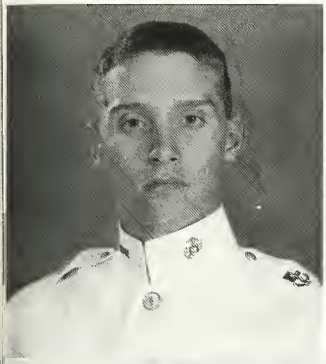
Dyke 1990 - Ed "Skelator" Swanson
Dyke 1996 - Rob "Chicken Hawk" Epperly
Sean Donohue
James Tabb?

*Lynchburg, Va.*

Indoor/outdoor track 4,3,2,1; Virgin Pvt 4,3,2,1; clu[illegible] 4,3,2,1.

## C. Todd Radford

**Economic & Business / USMC**



*Rackford, Quantico*

Four years & four summer schools at the "I" h/e definitely been an experience. The F-Troop p:ties at the Thrifty, or anywhere we could find. Academic Pro; the midnight, daylight, & sunday rds on Hollins; the Party Pad 335; the Gill party vn; the tailgate party; hops; the Ring; the Gunny &arctic mountain warfare school; the Redneck cnversion of my roommate—A Country Boy Cn Survive. The creation and operation of the RDFORD Express. To the guys in rooms 482, 4), 335, 265 & 165: Thanks for the good and the bl times. Four years ago I set out with two goals: to raduate from VMI and to be a Marine Officer, wh the help of my family and a special woman nned Nikki, I will soon have both goals firmly irny hand—I'm glad it's over.

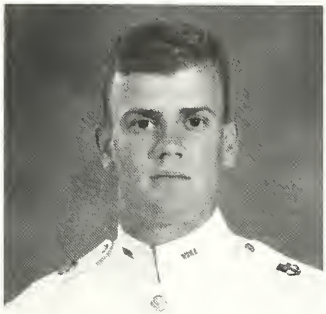
Dke 1990 - Jake Schmoyer
Dke 1996 - Jim Richardson

*Shawsville, VA.*

R/ 4; CPL 3; SGT 2; PLT LT 1; F-Trooper 4,3,2,1; Reg. Re Commander 3,2,1; Rugby 4; RDC 1; RAT Challenge 1; Se per Fi Society 3,2,1; Hollins Raider 3; RADFORD Ex- pn 2,1

## Darin W. Ramsey

**History / Special Student**



*Ramhead, Wormsey, DW, JoJo*

At the risk of sounding like every other 1st class history ever written I would first of all like to think all those who supported me through my cadetship and to whom I am forever indebted. Mom & Dad, your the greatest, could not have done it without you. Lori & Eric, you were always there, what can I say? Dean, you made this place more bearable, especially rat year. As Milton once wrote "The mind is it's own place, and in itself can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven" I chose to make a Heaven of Hell. Shawn & Dave, just remember VMI is what you make it, GOOD LUCK. To all my buds and brother rats who I could not mention for you are unnumerable, thanks for the ride it was a great 4 yrs. To my roommates Meat, Mike, Chris & Jim we had a great time, thanks. So long unauthorized boxing team, see ya at the HALL. Fsst Ha!

Dyke 1990 - Pete Finan
Dyke 1996 - Shawn Callahan
Dave Tran

*Roanoke, VA*

Cpl 3 Sgt 2 Pvt 1 Rugby 4,3,2,1 RDC 2,1 EC Tres 2,1 CPB VP/Pres 1 Spook Squad 3,2,1 OGA/EC most wanted list 3,2 452 Clan 2 Barbarian Club 3,2,1

## Robert L. Ramsey

**Electrical Engineering / Air Force**

*Rob, Rat Ramsey*

When I came to VMI, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I joined the rifle team and things got worse. You have no idea how much attention you will get by being a rifle rat. Well BREAKOUT finally arrived on 1 MAR 90. Then the third class year began, and between the Filter, the Wabbit, and Mallory Hall I thought it would never end. Second class year I found myself in the EE Dungeon night after night and became very used to getting no sleep. Ring Figure, finally, got here and what an unbelievable week (what else can you say?). Now, that first class year is here I'm just looking for graduation from the EE Dungeon I would like to thank my family (Mom, Dad, and James), all my various roommates, teammates, and EE Dungeonites for helping me make it through VMI.

Dyke 1990 - Kevin S. Miller
Dyke 1996 - Kerry A. Bates
Bart P. Filipiak

*Greeneville, TN*

Rifle Team 4,3,2,1 (varsity letter 3,2,1); Virgin Private; IEEE 3,2,1; Prisoner of EE Dungeon 2,1; Redneck Preservation Society 4,3,2,1.

## Robert D. Reeder

**English / Air Force**

### *Reeder, Beligerent Boy*

There is no way to describe what we've all been through to anyone who hasn't been through it, and there's no way I could even begin to describe in 800 characters or less what I've been through. I can only thank my family for their support both mentally and monetarily. Without my parents moral support, my Sis's weekend getaways to Tech (with all of my unique friends), my Grandparent's help in all areas (both Reeder's and Garret's), and my Uncles and Aunts always their to save me in the nick of time. I know it would have been a longer road. Without Dale, Nathan, and Jon my time here would have been way too boring. Thanks to all the Dykes who made sure I stayed out of trouble, Brien, Daryl, Chris, Dave. Remember, VMI is a great place to be from, not a great place to be at. IHTFP!!!

Dyke 1990 - Chris "Norm" Tremaglio
Dyke 1996 - Brien Lohrman
Daryl Dudley

*Norfolk, VA*

Private 4,3,2; Rugby Scrum Captain 1; IHTFP Club 4,3,2,1

## Christopher R. Reid

**Civil Engineering / Army**

### *Reidster, Rico*

I can't believe I'm going to make it out in only four years! To say that I couldn't have done it without my parents would be an understatement. Thank you both and all my family. Your patience and understanding, not to mention your money, will not go to waste. To the Rat Roomies; Cres, leave the lights on! John, I want my socks back! Pat, the sinks clean, I swear! Max, your the most laid back guy I've ever known. By the way, can I borrow your shirt? Tony, can I bum a dip? Watch my personal space! Ace, Rhino, and Romance; living with you was hell! But also a lot of fun. If I ever get married your all invited, but please, no squirt guns or beach balls okay?! Matt and the Rats; STRAIN! Good luck! Lastly, Nik; I still want it all! I'm Chris Reid. That's the news and I'm outta here!

Dyke 1990 - Brian "Hips" Burchette
Dyke 1996 - Matt "It's 5 minute call" Martin

*Albuquerque, NM*

Rat 4; Cpl/Pvt 3; Ops Sgt 2; Lt 1; Duty Cpl 3,2,1; Summer Scholar 3,2,1; Rat Training 3, Tanker/Ranger 3,2,1; R-MWC Hit List 3,2,1.

## John M. Reilly Jr.

**History / Special Student**

### *Schwag, Radar*

First and foremost, I would like to thank my parents and sister for their love and support. Without it I would not be writing this today. I love you all. Many of us wonder why we came to VMI and most of us wonder why we came back. The most precious thing that VMI gives a person is friendship. To my roommates Tray, Kirby and Todd through the good times and much too often bad times we had fun. To the Original Pete in Corner although we lost some members, we had a great time. This also includes the boys in 122, 123 and 138. I'm looking forward to future football games and the Beam that we will drink. VMI has instilled in me honor that is second to none. Honor, discipline and friendship is what sets us apart and I am grateful to VMI for giving me these attributes.

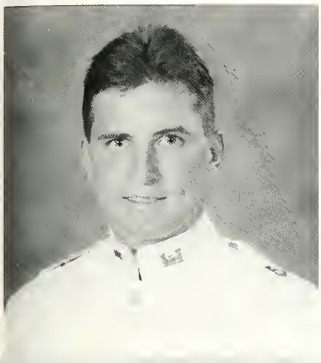
Dyke 1990 - Charles F. Plageman
Dyke 1996 - V. Cassel Adamson III

*Richmond, VA*

Virgin Private, Baseball 4,3; CADET 2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; College Republicans 1; Pervert Warrior 3,2; Viking 3,2 (Sabbatical 1); 452 Klan

## James P. Richards

**Electrical Engineer / Army**



*Oger, Fists of Fury*

The first thing I want to say is "thank you" t everyone who had to put up with me for the st 4 years. Mom and Dad, I'm forever in your ebt for your support and understanding through- ct my cadetship. Shannon and Erin, no one ould ask for two finer sisters and to everyone se in my family who I don't have room to ention, Thank You. Rusty and Tom, continue te tradition. To all my rowdy friends, its been a exciting and expensive 4 years. Its not going tbe the same without you guys. To my room- ates, thanks for putting up with all late nights; I'll be looking forward to the wild times to come. S long unauthorized boxing team its finally me to retire undisputed champions. Reaper ou're "I in a million", Good Luck! GO AGLES!!

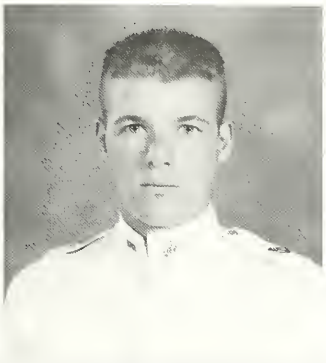
Ike 1990 - Mark "Pooh Bear" Hennigan
Ike 1996 - Rusty "Fireball" McGuire
Tom "One-Shot-One-Kill" Hart

*Springfield, PA*

Bjor Court 2,1; Prosector 1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4; Ems, Honor list 4,3,2,1; Hall/Beta Supporter; Ninfriendo Sciety; Drunken/Stupor Club;

## Thomas H. Ripley

**History / USMC**



*Rip,Leather*

"Bold decisions give the best promise of success"-Erwin Rommel. Dad, we both almost finished dead last. It must be in the blood. Don, brother, the fact that we're going to graduate is a miracle. Thanks for the No.1! Bill - if we get in this kind of trouble in the USMC they will throw us in jail. Oh yeah, please try to fix your problems. Best of luck Rick, you've been a great friend. To all the Marines, we made it through NS413. Hell, we can do anything. To the dwellers of 123, 101, 103, and all other random worms, pigs and the like. Stay away from me - you guy's are a bad influence!. Boo, stay away from the OGA! Mom and Dad, you have given me so much, and I hope to make you proud. Kathleen, without your friendship this would never have been possible. You know how I feel about us. They said we would never make it... They were wrong! I love You. BBB

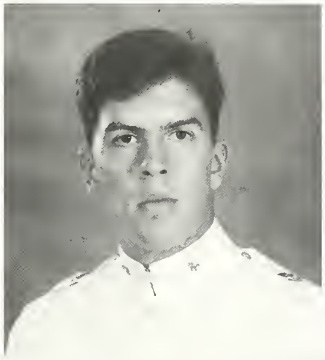
Dyke 1990 - David S. West
Dyke 1996 - Dingle, Wedge, Stinkbat

*Lexington, VA*

Lax 421,Cadre, Semper Fi 4321(Pres),Summer Sch 4321,RDC Sec,Bulldog, EC Victim, OGA Case study, Outlaw Boxing Team 4321, 50 Miler,2 Marathons, No.1 Club, Sigma Delta

## James B. Roman

**Economics & Business / Army**



*Grape Ape, Tree*

We all entered VMI from different directions, for different reasons... Thank GOD our time has finally come to "LEAVE," all proud VMI alumni. My parents deserve a special degree of thanks for all of their unconditional love and support which "Dragged" me through this unique VMI experience. Thank You both MOM & DAD, I never could have accepted and conquered this challenge without you. What really goes on behind the Four Walls of barracks though, is only known by those who dwell within. From 335, 235, then 118; KIDD, HYMIE, SOUR MEADOWS, The PUERTO RICAN WONDER, and HURRICANE, have created too many stories we'll remeber the rest of our lives. I've probably learned more from this motley crew than from all my classes combined. VMI's rules only applied to us if/when we "got caught." GOOD LUCK KIETH...

Dyke 1990 - Chris Whittaker
Dyke 1996 - Keith Kruelski

*Fairfax, VA.*

Rugby 4,3; Water Polo 2,1 (Captain); English Society 2,1; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Member Club 235; RAT 4, Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, S-6 Lt. permit rider 1; F-Trooper 4,3,2,1.

## James S. Romasz

**Civil Engineering / Air Force**

*Jim*

I can remember coming to VMI during college visitations and coming to the realization that VMI was the only college I saw myself attending. The only problem was that VMI did not see me as a part of it. My first year as the RDC's and Cadre's "favorite" rat, 200-plus RTs and PTs along with 5 months of conduct probation to where I have progressed and what I have become, I have never at any time regretted my decision to attend VMI. However, the best part of VMI and the part I will miss the most is the friends (specifically rooms 148,150,S-50) I have made. My roommates alone: Rhino (Corky), Brandon, Matt, Shawn, and even you Chris have made my stay here worth it. I love you Mom, Dad, and Linda. I could not have done it without your constant support(Mom) and advice(Dad).

Dyke 1990 - Rich Mehl
Dyke 1996 - Tom Bello

*Sridhar*

[illegible] XO 1;Operat[illegible] 1,2,3,4; Dean's List 1,2; Ar[illegible] 1;First Rat Sentinel 4;ASCE 1,2 [illegible]

## Kevin W. Roop

**International Studies/Confederate**

*Woful, Redneck, POOR ROOP*

First of all I hate this place, and the alumni association better not expect one red cent from me. Why? VMI, I really don't know. If I had it to do over I would be at the best school in the land right now, University of 10-E-C. I have constantly been screwed here, and the administration is awful. These are the most hypocritical bunch of people I have ever been associated with. On the good side I have learned a lot here, and the good Lord must have some reason for cooping me up in this prison for 4 years. I have made a lot of good friends, and learned how fake some people can be. I'm truly proud that I am a VMI cadet, but for reasons much different than most cadets here. I wish everyone the best in the real world. THE SOUTH WILL RISE AGAIN.

Dyke 1990 - Chris "The Drunk" Barker
Dyke 1996 - Scott "The Driver" Shropshire

*Wytheville, VA, CSA*

4 Rat; Lex Vegas Resident; 1 PVT; 1 Cadet Newspaper; Rugby 4,3,2; Most Mixers Attended 4,3,2,1; Good Ole' Boys 4,3,2,1; Southwest Virginia Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,1

## Charles L. Sanders Jr.

**History / Special Student**

*C-Dog*

The Virginia Military Institute has been experience that I think that I'll never forget have been challenged every step of the way have learned that you will have to sacrifice m things in order to achieve your goals. There many types of people you have to deal with an equal amount of attitudes. The friendshi have made here will be everlasting ones. H Phil, Nisky, Ray, Lo, Tony, Mike, Fluff, I Die-dog, Rob, Joe, and anyone else I accide left out - you've made it very interesting. H please try and stay up past taps. Phil, k singing - you'll be as good as me one day. dykes, please try and come down to the r before I graduate. My shoes and brass ar shined and I can't find my woolies or my laur bag. May God bless you all and protect you

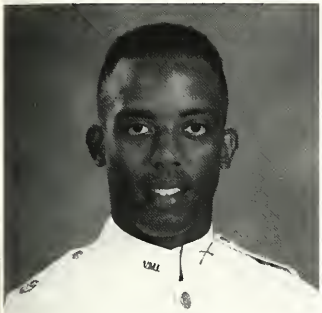
Dyke 1990 - Sergio "The Mob" Vespa
Dyke 1996 - Kyle "Barber" Steele
Charles "Ratline" Gates

*Charlotte, NC*

Private 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Promaji 4,3,2,1

## Anthony T. Scales

**History / Air Force**



### *Dexter, Tyrone, Field General*

Well now that it is over, I can relax a little before going out into the real world. Through my turmoils and tribulations I've come grateful to many people and I would like to take time acknowledge them. First of all, God almighty. He has giving me the great opportunity to experience the goods and the bads. Gracias mi Dio. Secondly, I want to thank my mom and my dad. Mom, you have been there with me every step of the way, you've felt the joy and the pain right along with me. Sometimes I don't show it, but I love you and I couldn't have made it through with out you, Te amo y gracias. To my BOIIZ! Money, Lil Kat, D.J., Lorenzo, Fat Daddy, Erik, Sike, Ma-ton, boR yaG, & Yokam, Stay strong, say Black and Keep the faith, Hasta Luego. Finally the love of my life Ms.Sima Y. Clark, boy through the ups and downs I knew you were the one. I hope our life is forever together. Yo quiro mucho y Te amo grande. Special shout-out goes to Col. Jamison.

Dyke 1990 - Brian "BDP" Pannell
Dyke 1996 - Andre "Sweat-Box" Johnson
Duane "Pretty-Boy" Smith

*Martinsville, VA*

Member of Promaji Club, Gospel Choir, Big Brother/Little Brother Program, 4Yr. STARTING QB OF FABULOUS FOTBALL TEAM.

## Mark A. Schroeder

**History / Army**

### *Fugi, Fat Kid*

I came to VMI in hope that I could turn my life around. I never knew how much my life would change. Unlike most people, I have no regrets or bitterness about my decision to come to VMI; it has always been a refuge for me. Reflecting on my six year college career, I get mixed feelings. The only resounding one is the pride and happiness I feel about being a VMI graduate. I will never be sorry I came. I simply want to thank my parents for funding this lengthy journey and always being supportive of my decisions. I have had five roomates at VMI, but only Kevin and I made it the whole way together. I hope he has learned from me, but more than just how to stop snoring. Po, I hope everything for you and D goes well; be easy on her and clean up after yourself. Alex, best of luck at Benning, remember that your biggest enemy is your temper. To Frances, if I could give you the world I would try--you deserve it. You have filled my last two years with more happiness than you will ever know. EVER FOREWARD!

Dyke 1990 - Tony Zang
Dyke 1996 - Matt Bogusky
Thilo, Firman

*Fairfax City, VA*

Wrestling 4; Rugby 3,2,1; Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; 42nd Royal Scottish Regiment Private 4; Edinburgh-Lexington Pub Crawl Team 4

## James A. Sharp

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**

### *Fozzy, Dull*

When I arrived at VMI, I was placed in a room with four other classmates that could not have been more opposite. No, this is not the story where we become best friends forever, but we did learn a lot from each other through our many clashes. Then there were the next seven roomates. I finally ended up with Bitzer and Perin. John, my "where is the Vivran" buddy, thanks for your advice, we gotta stop stressing. Ten years from now, it will be nice! Adam, Luftwaffa, I'm glad I got to know you, How do you do it?. Ed, let's have just one more beer. Of course, thanks to my family. The diploma is as much as yours as mine. Matt, good luck on the next three most horrible years of your life. "Nothing left to do but Smile, Smile, Smile."

Dyke 1990 - Mike Swanson
Dyke 1996 - Matt Creech

*Winston-Salem, NC*

Cadre 3; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 4,1; Ranger Platoon 4; Spec. Ops. 3; Water Polo 2,1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Executive Officer CIG 1; Scouting Club 4,3; Sec 4; VP 3; Tannenbaum Jihad 1.

## Jamie C. Shiflett

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Student**

*Shifty, Cool Breeze*

It's almost over, I thought I would never see the day. The light at the end of a very, very long tunnel. I hope it was all worth the many days of confinement that I have been on. We have all been through so much, especially "Club 235." I want to thank all the members of "Club 235," Joe "Buck" Buchanan, Griag "Munchichi" Currie, Paul "Bubblehead" Meadows, Jim "Grape Ape" Roman, and Harry "The Puerto Rican Wonder" Garcia, for being there. We have had the best of times and the worst of times together. I'm glad I was able to spend it at the "Club." I want to especially thank my parents and family. If it weren't for you all who knows how much trouble I'd be in now. I love you mom, dad, Jody, Cheryl, and my grandfather. "Life's a bitch and then you die and in the middle you attend the 'I'."

Dyke 1990 - Chris "Lucky" McConnell
Dyke 1996 - Ron "Hiemy" Hiemberg

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Water Polo [illegible]
Pr[illegible]
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## M. Kirby Smeltzer Jr.

**History / Special Student**

*Kirby*

How to sum up the VMI experience, let's just say that it was eventful and unique. It seems like only yesterday that I entered the four walls of the Institute, not knowing what I was getting myself into. The friendships that I have built here seem as though they will never die. To my roommates, Tray, John and Todd, I appreciate you putting up with me and I know that we will never lose touch. To the boys of 114 and 112 partying would not have been the same without you. As for the rest of my friends, thanks for the memories and you know that you are always welcome in my home. Finally to Mom and Dad, I can't begin to tell you how much you have meant to me throughout these rough years. You have always backed me and given me the strength to press on. I will never find a way to ever repay you for the blood, sweat, and tears you shed for me. I am eternally in your debt. I love you both dearly.

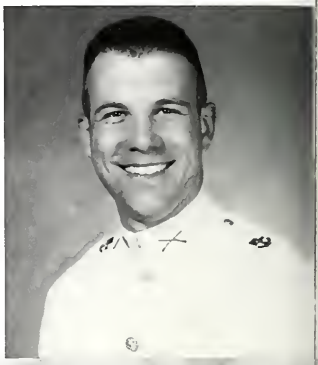
Dyke 1990 - Peter A. Tunnard
Dyke 1996 - James W. Warf III

*Roanoke, VA*

Soccer 4, Virgin Private, Number One Club

## J. Chad Smith

**Electrical Eng. / Special Studen**



*Jeffrey, Jeff, Be Good*

Well it's been the fastest slow four yea[illegible] my life. My memories of the rat line are as v[illegible] as yesterday and my cadetship is coming t[illegible] end. Thank God! Reaper, I couldn't have a[illegible] for a better roommate. You always made [illegible]finement look easy. Andrew, thanks for al[illegible] laughs. Somehow you made the place a lot [illegible] bearable. Jim and Greg without ya'll I prob[illegible] wouldn't be an EE. Steve and Wes, the two o[illegible] made studying fun. To all the guys from [illegible] corner and anyone else who's been there th[illegible] for all the memories. I almost forgot to t[illegible] Colonels Bissel and Williams for making [illegible] sentence here as fun, and enjoyable as poss[illegible] Most of all, I want to think my family for all [illegible] support and letters. Mom and Dad withou[illegible] two of you I could be nothing.

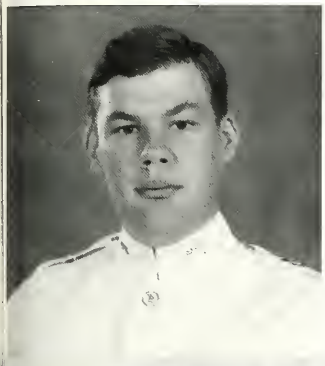
Dyke 1990 - Mike Murray
Dyke 1996 - Jay Craddock

*Chester, VA*

Boxing 4.3; Confinement Club 4.3,2.1; Corner 3.2.1; [illegible] 4.2.1; Forced Corporal 3; Pervert Corner Bar 3.2.1

## James E. Smith

**Civil Engineering/Special Student**



*Smithbust,Smitty,Gunsmith*

I can't say that these last couple of years ve been fun, but with the help of the corner they vre at least bearable. Without Tony, Booger, Eh, Lee, Rusty, and my room mates, there vuld have been no excitement in this area of bracks. Brian, I wish you the best of luck in gting to drive those worthless tracked vehicles th army keeps for some reason. Cres, I hope you fd the job of your choice and have fun in grad sool, after all I'll be back you EN major want-tbe. But most of all, I would like to thank my pents for supporting me here and making it psible for me to keep coming back. Believe it onot, I would even like to thank my sister for sporting me here. Finally for the rats, you have a east 3 more years of hell. ha! ha!

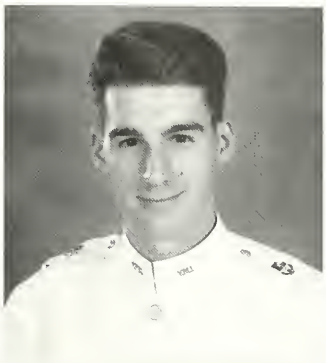
Dke 1990 - Shane Walters
Dke 1996 - Ken Mears

*Berlin, MD*

AAE 3,2,1; Club 85 3,2,1; The Corner 3,2,1; Tired 4,3,2,1; Ra 3.

## James R. Smith, III

**English / Special Student**



*Rusty, 24450, Vanilla Ice*

Mom, Dad, and Sue, I couldn't ask for a better family. Thanks for the tuition. Robin, I'll always love you. Too bad you got "picked up." Emil, I never had a brother until I met you. Shocka to da madakada bra! Weis, if you ever read this, thanks for the 10-6-30. Vicman, Whazzup? Yo, Deep thoughts? Mad-dog, Batman, Opus, and EMT, why don't ya'll get some sleep after graduation? 90210 Hecklers, Kelly rules! Room 109, sorry if I bugged you guys, stay in touch. Scotty, give me a quarter, I gotta play Streetfighter. New Barracks corner, Let's pile on Bissell. Charlie, your girlfriend is so.... Cal-King's, hey, wake up Spears. Antoine, Muff, and Tuck, if ya'll ever need a dip, talk to me—NOT! Finally, to the Administration: See ya, and I wouldn't wanna be ya!

Dyke 1990 - Don "The Rock" Bowman
Dyke 1996 - Hunter Seal
Joe Santarsieri

*Richmond, VA*

Hop and Floor 4,3, Treasurer 2, President 1; The Cadet staff writer 2, Forum Editor 1; Volleyball 2; TCFC '93 2; Club 69 3, 2, 1; 90210 Hecklers Club 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.

## Kevin B. Smith

**History, I.S. / Air Force**

*Goober,FB,KB-Toys,Smiff*

YMI at VMI? I've asked myself this for the last 34,033hrs? (Whose counting?) However, all my friends here have made it durable. To my roommates - Martin, your the boy; Tom, keep the faith; Mike, Lord help the Navy; Best Man Bryan, I'm wearing the dress. To Mom, Dad, Shannon, and Delna, I love you all more than you will ever know. All of you helped me to suck it up and stay. Without ya'll, I woudn't have the strength, character, and self-confidence that I have now. All of you shaped me, now society must deal with me cuz-i-b-Free! To MY RAT, good luck, and read every once in a while you IN-GA-NEER. To all my BR's, C-ya on the Parade Deck soon. I'll be the one in the red, white, and yellow ployester. Oh, and to my Profs, Tank yuz forz miz edumication. Yuz taughted mez well?

Dyke 1990 - Bryan McCormick
Dyke 1996 - Joseph "Cocky" Cofer

*Hampton, VA*

Virgin Pvt; AAS 4,3,2; Firefighter 3,2, Pres.1; Glee Club & Sentinels 2,1 (VP); Police Cadets VP 1; Martial Arts 3,1; Gigalo 4,3,2,1; MBC Inspection Team; Marshall Scholar

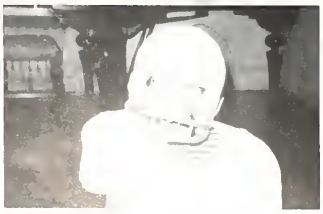
## Brian K. Southard

**Biology / Air Force**

### *South, South Hard, K.C.*

Who ever said that miracles don't happen has obviously never been to VMI. It takes a small miracle and a lot of stamina to get through this place. It too is miraculous that my four roommates and I crammed our five large heads into little Rm. 111. It is with you four guys that I made all my memories here and friends for life. Grant, I'll never figure out how you didn't stink us all out of barracks. Good luck with your search for the perfect woman. Tay, who could forget the late nights studying? I would have never made it without you. Vic, your sarcasm will always humor me. Keep "pumping up!" Torch, I'll miss the snoring and your "plummer's smile" each morning. Not! Take care buddy. Cuervo, Roopster, Mike, Darin, Jim, Chachee, and Vic, thanks for the laughs! Mom & Dad—I love you both.

Dyke 1990 - Charles Plageman
Dyke 1996 - Jason "Stuttsy" Stutts

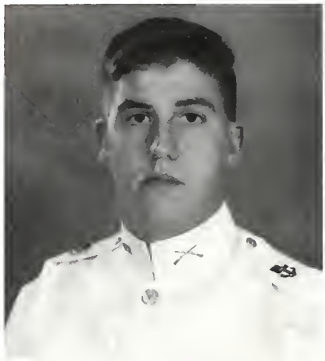


*Fort Collins, CO*

Varsity Football 4,3,2,1; Track & Field 4,3,2; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academic All-Conference 4,3,2,1; Who's Who in American Universities; Virgin Private; Meat House; "NoFriends" Club

## C. Donald M. Spears

**English / Special Student**



### *Tears, Dark Heart*

I know now as I look forward to the light at the end of the tunnel, coming to VMI was an experience and decision I'll never regret. Mom and Dad you've been a never ending source of pride, love, and support. To my brothers and sisters THANK YOU for EVERYTHING. I love you all. Tom I wish you all the best, I'm proud to be your best friend. Bill, our times together are legendary - see you in Valhalla. Rick, your the true VMI man - God's Speed. DWR I'll see you with a badge and a gun. To the travelling pugilists - remember THE HALL! DHY the CAL King is yours. B.O.B. keep the faith. Brinc do as I said not as I did! To the rest of 93 I wish you all fair winds and following seas. See you at Moody- and remember, if you don't look good - YOU'RE NOT!

Dyke 1990 - Patrick D. Poon
Dyke 1996 - Chris Brinkac (Rick321)

*Fairfax, VA*

Rat4, Cpl3, Sgt2, Pvt1, Lax421, Roadrunners3, RDC1, Gay Basher4, Unauthorized Boxing Team4321, No.1 Club, Sigma Delta1, TFM4321, F Troop4321.

## Troy D. Spencer

**Economics / Special Student**

### *LOY*

First I would like to thank God—throug Him all things are possible. Next, I want to than my family on "both sides of the river," an especially my parents and brother, for their enc less support—I wouldn't have made it witho your love. Now, to the people who made th place livable. Good-bye to rm. 123 - Da Gorboy, Tom, and Nib—you guys are pigs, b I love you. To Matteo-Hya Hya Hya. Neil an Dave—best friends a guy could have. Dek Opus, and rm 142—beware of E. Todd Radford- it aint too late. Hutch, Higgy, Rhett—see ya a gunshow. Finally, to Ken Walsh, '87, than for your tireless support—you're the big bro never had. To anyone I forgot—you know wh you are—friends.

"I'm just going to keep right on building. Yo do the best you can to stop it."

-Robert Mos

Dyke 1990 - Minter Ralston, IV
Matt Hemenez
Dyke 1996 - Fast Eddie Werntz

*Lynchburg, VA*

Alot of stuff that looks good on a resume 4,3,2,1; Stuff th matters: Unsanctioned bloodsport with rat, 3; Parade de mudbog 2; In search of BIG 4,3,2,1.

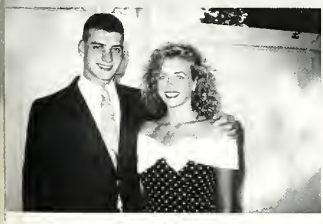
## Charles A. Sternberg

**International Studies/Navy**

*Slade, Detox, Stern*

Despite all the blood, sweat, and tears, I can y I honestly love this place. Few will ever derstand what we have all accomplished here. e road less travelled has produced an uncom- on breed of men. However, I certainly could t have achieved so much here alone. I would le to thank my family for giving me a second ance after HSC and your continual support ce. I'd like to thank Tracy for all your love and tention. I love you dearly. Finally, to CP, RT, V, JD, RS, DH, and all the others - thanks for all e support. I could never forget all you have one for me or all which we have accomplished.

Dyke 1990 - Tom Infantino '89
Dyke 1996 - Sean "Biff" Donohue

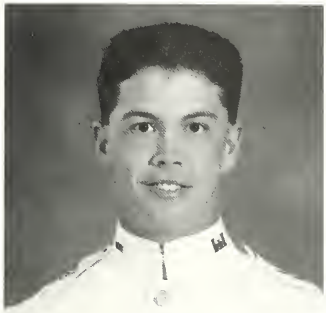


*Warrenton, VA*

H' 1988-89; CPL 3, SGT 2, LT 1; Dean's List 3,2,1; Ac Stars 1 ident Society 3,2; President 1; Cadet Asst. 3,2,1; Hop and F r 4,3,2; SBC 3,2,1.

## Paul D. Stewart

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**



*Stew, Two-percent*

First,I have to give thanks and my love to my father with whose love and example I began this journey. Then to my mother who supported me in finishing even though I wasn't always willing to let you. Mark, so much comes to mind but to thank-you and tell you I love you would never be enough. Amy,I live this moment on to forever play air guitars and sing with you, ILU. A.P.,I never will regret kissing you, friends are forever chicks are temporary,now I know what you mean. EP PB, they told me there would be days like these, but you always made them bearable. TH, little brother, I am sure I will hear your stories again. Mr. & Mrs. Plogger, thank you for your kindness. Railroad tracks, yellow lights, buffalo nickel - the finer things in life. Most importantly, thank God.

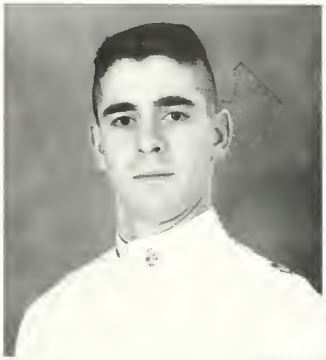
Dyke 1990 - Charles Ellis
Harley Davidson
Dyke 1996 - Brandon Porter
Michael Camarasana

*Kansas City, MO*

Boxing Cadet Assistant 3, Football 4, Cocke Hall Ball 4,3,2,1

## David Z. Stokes

**English / USMC**



*Strokes, Nokesie, Tool, Neck*

"At last he rose, and twitch't his mantle blue: Tomorrow to fresh woods and pastures new." - Milton No More Good Deals; Farewell Mother "I." Mom, Dad; you created the man that VMI molded. Thanks more than words can express. Hoy, Semper Fi. Klausewitz, hang in there; your morals remain undaunted. Harpoo, Denham, Turbak, and Eubank, best of luck, you will be missed. Jay, you may be gone but you are not forgotten. Rats, Go Hard Or Go Home! Good Luck. Nibs, Nobbie, Van, you guys are the best neighbors. Matt, I know you'll succeed, Fly High. Todd, your dream is about to become a reality- Congratulations. Finally Steve, we started rough but pulled through. You truly are a friend. Thanks everyone for the love and support. "...Here I go, Turn the Page." - Bob Segar

Dyke 1990 - Timothy "Heinous" Haynie
Dyke 1996 - Josh "The Weasel" Keesal

*Lynchburg, VA*

Rat 4; Cpl 3; OPSgt 2; Reg S-3 1; TCFC Pres. 3,2; Semper Fi 1; Outreach 1; Firefighters 3,1; Timmins Soc. 2,1; Club "58" 3,2,1; VMI Dippers 4,3,2,1; Drinking Fool 4,3,2,1; Ac. Dud 4,3,2,1; Tool 4,3,2,1;

## Douglas J. Stransky

**Physics / Army**

### *Dug Dug, Doug-E-Fresh*

It's only November, but I'm already crawling up the walls to get out of here. Strangely enough, this place, more then anything has been home to me. Instead of talking about myself I want to express my eternal clairvoyance and elucidate the future of those four guys that made the '93 BQ. Chuck, in a freak accident will have his lobe cut off and mysteriously becomes a pacifist. Chupe, in all of his mood swings becomes the heir apparent to the WWF's Bobby "the Brain" Heenan. Goober will enjoy a successful career as provost/dean of West Virginia University. And Matt will be given choice between a wife and his tuba and history will repeat itself. Finally, I want to thank God and my parents; for without either I would have never survived this place.

Dyke 1990 - Mike Faunce
Dyke 1996 - Joe "mystery rat" Escalente

*New Windsor, MD*

Band 4,3,2,1; CPL 3; SGT [illegible] 3,2,1
Rangers 4,3,2,1; Commander [illegible] 3,2,1
'93 Brass QT 4,3,2,1; College Rep [illegible] SPB 4,3,2,1

## Mark E. Strawn

**History / Navy**

No History Submitted

*Chester, VA*

## Blake G. Svendsen

**Civil Engineering / Army**

### *Swede, Nordic Wonderboy*

The benefits of VMI are beyond the grasp any cadet while he is still enrolled at the Institut I know they still are beyond my grasp. Aft being asked by many people why I would subje myself to such a restricted life, I can only say th I did not think I could succeed in such a plac Behind the structured illusion of the administr tion I have found people to whom no one c compare and a never quit attitude which is po sessed by even the most rebellious cadet. Go bye to my roommates, Timworm, Wingnut a Brian; I will always call you brothers. To the r if 115 Anthony, Rob, Travis, Chris, and M Bahen I hope you have learned something fro our room. Remember work first then play. Th place will eat you alive if you turn your back

Dyke 1990 - Tim "Heinous" Haynie
Dyke 1996 - Matt "3.0 and Go" Bahen

*East Greenwich, RI*

Creator of The Enviro Bomb; First Batt S-4; Ranker Ge 3,2,1; midnight to 6 a.m. manager of NEB 4,3,2,1; Summ session slave 3,1;

## Lincoln K. Swineford

**Biology / Special Student**

*Linc, Cool-hand, Idiot Boy*

It's been four long years, but it passed too quickly. My dyke told me to cherish my times here because they would be over before I knew it. He was right. Mom and Dad - thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without you, I never would have made it here or anywhere. You supported me in everything that I have ever done: even when I was wrong, and for that, I thank you. I love you both more than I can ever say. Phil, Mike and Dan - through everything, it's been great. We will always be best friends. Mike -"Go kstin' in like ol' John Wayne!" Sean - Good luck here. I know you can do whatever you want to do, because you've got what it takes to be the best. I love you. Bill - Cherish your time here. It goes by all to fast. AD - My love. Being together forever will be great. I love you.

Dyke 1990 - Mitchell Stockwell
Dyke 1996 - Bill Stearman

*Richmond, VA*

R-4; Corp.,3; Ops Sgt.,2; FCP/2nd Batt S-1,1; Rat Training Cre,3; Ring Figure Honor Guard,3; Illegal Car Club,3 Engaged, 1.

## Maximillian A. Swoboda

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

*Dick Grayson, MABS IV, Bud*

Look to your left, look to your right, were did everyone go (Rob, Cliff, Matt, Lazy, & Elvis). Rob, those were the days and my calender tells all. All I can say is "Wish You Were Here." To the surviors (few but now free) it was an ugly fight, but we won. We made the most of limited oppertunities and never let the Blue Book ruin an evenings fun. The Palms...nuff said. I saw my fair share of mixers so MBC, SBC, Hollins, and RMWC "Hey lovey don't change." Argue for your limitations and they are yours and always...always remember... you may say I am a dreamer, but I am not the only one. I love this place...!

Dyke 1990 -
Dyke 1996 -

*Powhatan, VA*

Virgin Private; VMI Firefighter 3,2,1; Ranful's Roomate 3,2; Hop & Floor 4,3,2,1; VOR 2,1; RCC 2,1; Palms 3,2,1; Deans List 4; Witch-hunt Survivor 2,1; SOAV 2,1

## Hans A. Sylvester

**Mechanical Engineering/ USMC**

*Sleeghstack, Sly, Helmut*

Before I begin this farewell I must say thanks to the two whose constant love and support throughout my life has made me strive to be deserving of it - I owe everything to you Mom and Dad. As I write this I cannot help but remember how it all began...a lonely Rat totally in awe of the long road ahead. Now, here I sit with the Ring on my finger and 2nd Lt. bars soon to be on my shoulders. What I remember most though are the friends I've had during my four years here. Carlsen...take care my Viking brother;Rip, Butz, Barnes and the other Devil Dogs of '93...ERRR-see ya all in the Fleet - oohRAH! Ross ...thanks and keep the faith; Finally,the four who have been there with me since the very beginning-Pardew, Cas, Holbert and Canaday..."have a cool summer." God speed '93...USMC here I come!

Dyke 1990 - Andrew "McFool" McCaig
Dyke 1996 - Turner "Ross" Perrow

*McLean, VA*

Football 4, Bulldog, BSM, Reg. XO, Rat Batt. Cmdr, Dean's List, "Who's Who"

## Paul R. Syverson III

**International Studies / Army**

*Cyborg, Paul-eee*

I came to VMI with a clueless idea of what military school would be like. I was certainly surprised, but for the most part it has been a positive experience. Besides the deluxe accommodations, gourmet services, and great "clothes", I have also become accustomed to living in the same barracks with some of the greatest guys. This is what I will miss about VMI after I have left. BR's in Band Co., overall I don't think that I saw any other company remain as close as we did. A.P., T.K., Lothar, Gir-Pig, B.V.D., J.H., Goober, Chupie, Spike, and the rest of you, good luck! Mark, you have become my best friend here, so lets keep in touch. Mom, Dad, you have been very supportive, thanks so much. See y'all at the reunions!!

Dyke 1990 - A. "Fritz" Schrichte
Dyke 1996 - Michael "Spike" Solovey

*La[illegible], FL*

Tanker Plt. 3; SH [illegible] Club 4,3,2; Cpl 3, Sgt/Ops Sgt 2; XO [illegible] HP MOT" Torture Club 4; Summer Sc[illegible]

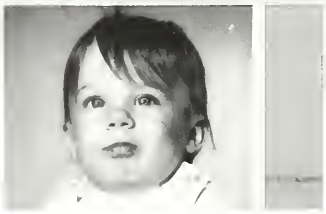
## Christopher A. Tanner

**History / Special Student**

*Artie, Daddy*

Up until now, my years at VMI have been full of failures. It seems that I have been pulling myself out of holes my whole cadetship. If it were not for the strong support of my parents and closest friends, and most importantly, my brother rats, I would not be here today. The friends that I have made here, and the knowledge that I have obtained, both in and out of the classroom, will forever influence my life. VMI has instilled in me the confidence to do anything I desire, and I will. Pendragon and Keg, you will forever be, "my boys." Tracie, I will always love you. Mom, you are my inspiration, and Dad, you will always be my hero! And now, in the immortal words of Buddy Garbett, my best friend forever, "It's Time For Me To Fly."

Dyke 1990 - Rich Duke
Dyke 1996 - Brian Barnes



*Mechanicsville, VA*

Golf Team 3; Getting back into VMI 3,1

## Cyril M. Taylor

**History / Army**

*The Maestro,Hua Taylor,Tool*

So there it is, the end of the final chapter my VMI career. It hasn't been easy, but it h been a lot of fun. My parents gave me the supp I needed to keep going, my roommates kept r sane, but my buddy Paul kept me here. Paul, i been a #$*!y adventure through this maze HELL, yet with your friendship I've alwa known the importance of this trek. Thanks t being a friend. Jay....GET YOUR CHIN IN! Y have been a very good Dyke, and you will re the rewards. I wish you luck in the rest of yo cadetship.

Dyke 1990 - Andy Weening " Bull"
Dyke 1996 - Jason Lanz

*Baltimore, MD*

Rat, 4; CPL, Rat Training, B1&B2 Fan Club 3; Airbo Ranger Challenge, English Society 2; Air Assault, MNMI 4, Elephant Walker 1

## William R Terry II

**History / Special Student**

*FLUFF*

I never thought I would see the day, but my ys at VMI are finally coming to an end. The ost important value I take from here is that it kes more than just yourself to make it through le. There are a great deal of people I would like thank : Mom and Dad for all the support and mplaining you put up with, and coach Finwood d coach Maini for helping me through all of the ugh times. Chris and BA, what can I say? You e two of the best friends that anyone could ask r. I have enjoyed all the times together and low that we will have many more. The road ps and pounding was great. BA, Chris, and I ll come do it with you again next year! Last I ould like to thank Aimee. The road has not been ort, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel r us. We are almost there. I love you and thanks r everything.

ke 1990 - Marshall "Bucket-head" Simpson
ke 1996 - Quin "quick" Emick

*Roanoke, VA*

sity Baseball 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; Fellowship hristian Athletes 2,1; American Legion Scholarship 4,3,2,1; in Private; Pounder 4,3,2,1.

## Matthew L. Thomas

**Mechanical Engineering / USMC**

*Baby Killer, Major, Smiley*

I came to VMI knowing little but seeking a lot and I'm confident that I was not alone. Boy did we find it. At times it was more than many of us thought we could handle but we pushed on gaining ground everyday. I think we all learned more from each other than we ever could from the books. But, that's what this place is all about. I know that is what makes it great, not the academics or the rat line, but the time spent together drinking, fighting, complaining, comforting, and surviving. Ultimately "A Few Good Men" ,you know who you are, came together one semester and fought our way for a shot at OCS and the right to be what we must. To you and all the rest I wish "Fair winds and following seas" and as always Semper Fi.

Dyke 1990 - Pete Wick
Dyke 1996 - William Leonard

*Portsmouth, VA*

Virgin Private; Rifle Team 4,3,2,1; Regimental Honor Guard 4,3; Bulldog 2; Semper Fi Society; F-Troop 4,3,2,1

## Patrick W. Thompson

**Mechanical Engineer / Navy**

*A-FRAME, DADDY*

I leave this place with a cheer and a tear in my eye. I have experienced the WORST and best times of my life in the past 4 years. V.M.I. has guided me to appreciate and live by the most basic values foremost being honor, pride, humility and humbleness. I'll never forget the friends I've made especially my B.R.'s. Pig, what can I say, you have made me squeal. Dawg and No Ass, I'll see you in the fleet. Lee Body, get out of your RACK! To all the roommates I've driven away, thanks for putting up with me. Mom, Dad, Pete, Jen, and the rest of my family, you are all the reason I've gotten this far. Rascal, I'll miss you. I'm looking forward to rejoining the ranks of civilized people and the real world. I'm sure it will be a REALITY TRIP.

Dyke 1990 - John Gottwald
Dyke 1996 - John Ritchie - Excommunicated

*MIdlothian, VA*

Rat 4321, Trident Soc. 4321 Sec. 2, Scuba Club 32, ASME 21, NSPE 1, Rugby Club 1, RMCS ENGLAND(Rugby) 2, PVT 1, SGT 2, CPL3, RMWC "Who's Your Daddy" Captain, Cockadoodledoo Club, Member Of Sasquatch Hunt Club/ Slap Night Society.

## Stephen W. Thrasher

**History and French / Army**

### *Thrash*

It's hard to belive that it is less than 200 days to graduation '93 - it seems like it was yesterday when we were in the grip of '90. But now, I'm glad it was '90; Tyler I owe you my cadetship - thanks. I find it difficult to be reflective about something that is not yet finished. VMI has produced so many memories, both good (Ring Figure, Breakout) and bad (being a Third and losing BR's). I can only hope that in the end, all the difficulties and sacrifices will be worth it. Brian, Adam, John, Lee, Mike, Rich and Craig, you have all been great friends and roommates over the years. Alastair, I can only wish you good luck - keep your grades where they are. Mom, Dad, and Brian thanks so much - you've all made this place tolerable. Without the three of you, I wouldn't have made it.

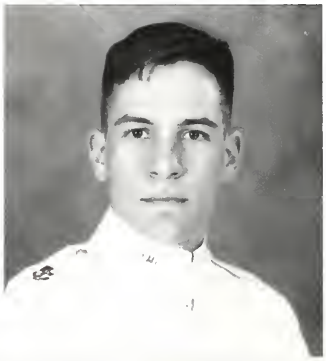
Dyke 1990 - Tyler Way
Dyke 1996 - Alastair Findeis

*Ottawa, ON*

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pst 1; CWRL 4; [illegible] XVI 1; Scooter's Club 4,3,2; Tanker Pl 1 3,1; Ranger Pl 1 [illegible]; Pi Delta Phi 2,1

## Russell D. Tilgner

**Computer Science / Special Student**



### *SPECIAL, FO-HEAD*

It was bright and sunny the day I came to VMI. Soon came matriculation day and my thoughts of success and grandeur vanquished with one solemn sigh as my cadre zeroed in on my butt. The rat-line, interesting enough, brought about a series of changes in me. Through 6-months of intense battery I found one hope... I am becoming someone. Over the course of the next few years VMI developed an apparent lost cause into someone with a plan. Thanks guys for the memories...Gonzo-watch out for red slippers..The Barnyard Posse..Bubblehead-beware of glasses of water..Zane-how's your chin..Morris-I promise you'll start next game..Grinch-one more cigarette..Special - K club (aaaaa!!!)
..Liz - I LOVE YOU!

Dyke 1990 - Rob Schnock
Dyke 1996 - Billy Kaushagen

*Manassas, VA*

Soccer 4,3,1; Soccer Captian 1; S-6 LT. 1; SO. CONF. 1ST TEAM 3; SO. Conf. Acad. Honor Roll 4; Dean's List 4; AFROTC Award of Merit 4; AAS 4.

## David M. Timma

**History / Special Student**

### *Dave,Family-Man,Cameron*

Thank you God. It is about time! This pl is great (to be from) but I can't wait to see w the real world is like. Suzann, it has been a lo four years and you've been with me every step the way - I Love you. Tom W. Good luck a happy hunting, it's been good! Miller, w happened to the electricity (this time)??! N keep plugging away and please... RELAX Darren if you ever stop marching we're going have a party. Eric, happy turkey-day. Ch thanks for all the help and support! John - ca borrow you're computer? Charles L - don't anything crazy and stay short. These last f years have been hectic and I can't wait to gra ate, but I will be back. Mom and Dad you're greatest and I couldn't have done it without y

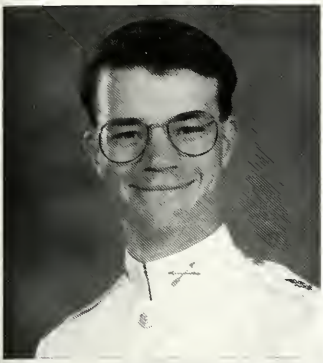
Dyke 1990 - Steve Duncan
Dyke 1996 - Nic Ellis
Darren Braylo

*Germantown, MD*

BSU 4,3,2,1(outreach); RAC 1; OCF 4,3,2,1(CIC); Glee C 4,3,2,1 VMI Outreach 1; Band Co.; Seargent; Corporal

## John R Timmons

**Chemistry / Special Student**



*Hair, Timworm, Tweety, JT*

Upon arrival at VMI, I was what must have been a cadre corporal's dream. Now, as graduation approaches, I really don't think that I've changed that much. VMI may have left it's mark, but in the end, does it really matter? Mom and Dad, I must thank you for making me stay here, love you. Fellow "chemists," it's been real, it's been fun, but it hasn't been real fun. Roommates, thanks for keeping me sane in this hole. Finally, Jokes, endure this place, and remember, suck it up!!

"Where you've come from is gone;
Where you thought you were going
to weren't never there;
And where you are ain't no good,
Unless you can get away from it."
-Ministry

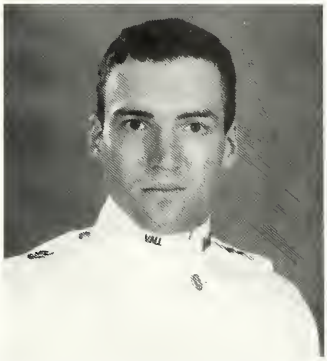
Dyke 1990 - Ryan "Hop-along" Foster
Dyke 1996 - Chris "Walmart Greeter" Eddy

*Winston-Salem, NC*

Corporate 4,most of 3,2,1; ACS 4,3,(ClassRep)2,(V-P)1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1; Long-Haired Hippie Club 3,2,1; GCSC 3,2,1; PW Corp 2,1; Lived with Brian Cox 3,2,1

## Anthony S. Tomlin

**Civil Engineering / Army**



*Tony, WOP, Tbust, Lightning*

I flipped a coin and discovered I was to play rodent for a while. Well alright! Yet with a little help from the boys in 409 and reading my chem book I got through. Then came crap on a cracker for a year. Luckily, there were rodents and partying to release the tension. Then the year of The Ring and the corner started to gel. I had a second room with LT, Fish, and Booger. MABS watched the rain, and flowerpower was exchanged for rankerpower. Let's not forget wee doggie, flag me man, plus the player in 69. Then in accordance with FM-BFD, I became...older. My carrel moved to Smitty, Schlong, and Newmbust's. I had my "that's so cool" rodent and the cycle was complete. YEAH SO?! My advice: do it your way and make it the hard way, otherwise go home.

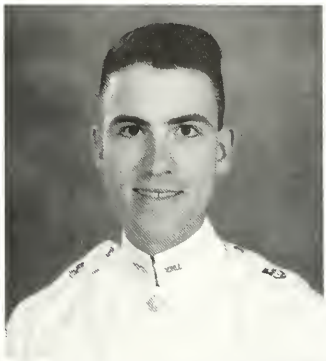
Dyke 1990: Tripp Anderson
Dyke 1993: Lawerence S. Barr

*Charlottesville, VA*

E co Cpl 3, Lt 1, Pvt 4,3,2,1; VP 609 group 4; Corner 3,2,1; Club373 3; Lee-Hi frequent flyer 2; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Rec. Sec. 2, Pres. 1; AC Stars 4,2

## Edward C. Tomlinson

**Econ. & Business / Special Student**



*Fightin' Ed, Ed-one (or two)*

The inscription over Jackson Arch is a quote from General "Stonewall" Jackson: "You may be whatever you resolve to be." This advice holds true for all of us during any stage in our lives, no matter how far we pass from the gates of the Institute. Jackson's catchy-little phrase is in a sense the capstone of the most important lesson VMI can ever teach us: how we can maximize our own potential. As I look back over the past four years, I am very thankful to my parents, Eric, Laura, and my BR's for providing me with the resources that have sustained me at VMI—most notably, an occasional reminder of what I can accomplish if I set my mind to it. Jon and Mike, it's been memorable. Brian, keep up the good work. Laura, je t'adore beaucoup.

Dyke 1990 - Robert Forgie
Dyke 1996 - Brian Dunn

*Lynchburg, VA*

Pvt. 4 3 2 1; Rifle Team 4 3 2 1; Dean's List 4 2; Ac Stars 1; TEBA 2; Chairman, LAS Fan Club

## Ayen P. Torchik

**History / Special Student**

***Torch, Paison, Torchy***

Extreme love and gratitude to Mom, Dad and Grandparents. Quoting the G.D.,"What a long strange trip it's been." People thought 111 was cocky and arrogant, they were right! To my Peninsula boys, thanks for reminding me how great home is. Brian(Top 40),from Rat study to friend and roomate, Goodluck Doc!; Vic (Big Daddy) - Driving, Golfing, Hunting and Daytona VICTORies; Grant,many talks and festivities (Uniformed Div. SS); Tay,(friend and future wannabe host of Jeopardy); Gerald, nuns and VMI,why? A person in his whole life would be lucky to find 1 true friend, I found 5. Goodluck to each in the future. Darin, Chachi, Mikey, Jim, Joe C, Dan C, Roopster, Brandon, Mat, Corky and many others, too many experiences to list. SURE IS BRIGHT IN HERE!

Dyke 1990 - Robert Uhorchuk
Dyke 1996 - John J. Kokolis

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Gen l Commit Pres
13:2:1 Cpl, Sgt, Co
dis Ind stuent

## Vic H. Tran

**English / Special Student**

***KATO, Vicster, Transvestite***

If it weren't for my B.R.'s, this place would be a memory too soon (thanks Alex & Scott). Kevin, Lonnie, Hans, the time has finally come. Rack time Scott. Hey Alex, are you going to the mixer tonight? Help Matt! I've got a paper cut. Chris, HELlo. Deacon, you need BIG BEN to wake you up. Gerry, stop playing video games and do your homework! My brother Emil, I wish you were here. Rusty, we've been through a lot together. What next? D.T. 'til dawn! And to all that I didn't mention, it was fun and I thank you for your friendship. THANKS MOM, DAD, SIS, AND BROTHERS FOR THE GUIDANCE AND KEEPING THE FAITH. Dave, it's your turn. Pedro, Rob, Ike, it wouldn't be the same without you guys. Well, so long V.M.I. and don't forget, "It's better to burn out then to fade away." Yo Cho! Peace my brothers.

Dyke 1990 - Pedro DeJesus '89
Dyke 1996 - In Sik Cho

*Falls Church, VA*

Lt:1, Sgt:2, Vice Pres. APO:1, Crew 142:1

## Raleigh B. Trumbo

**Econ. & Business / Special Studen**

***Trumpet, Wally***

I cannot believe that my time here at t Institute is almost over. It seems just like yest day that I was walking into RM 437 introduci myself to my rat roommates. No one g through this school alone and in this history I w try to thank some of the people who have be instrumental in my eventual acquisition of V.M.I. diploma. Mom & Dad without your lo support, and understanding none of this wou have been possible. Hunter & Sham, you gu taught me more than you'll ever know. To r many roommates, Billy, Fluff, Greg, Phay, Me Phil, Matt, Kelly, and last but certainly not le Brian P., thanks for putting up with me. To t boys in and around pervert corner, I'll meet y in Alumni Hall and we'll blow the froth of couple of cold ones.

Adios Muchachos!

Dyke 1990 - Sean "Sham" Carty
Dyke 1996 - Beau Shahriary

*Alexandria, VA*

Virgin Private; Canterbury Club 4; Bomb Senior Edito Academic Furlough 2; JMU weekend student 2; Newspa Photographer 1; Investment Group 1

## Michael D. Tuck

**Econ. & Business / Army**

*Big Chief, Redneck*

I have been dwelling upon the last almost the and a half years. While doing so, I have ondered the thought of how my classmates and I ave seen a class develop in this seemingly etnal cycle of fabricated ignorance through wich we have endured. Aside from the standalized complaints, each of us must and will lee within ourselves and countlessly recall the nges of our past that brought us pleasure, and hespirit that enabled us to constantly struggle ovard in this difficult and challenging enlevor. For me this means the unending paiece, love, support, and devotion from my ants, grandparents, Angela, and especially Stohen. It also means many memories with The GiPig, B.I.F.F., chicken man, and little chief at aous institutions of higher learning chasing oie fine specimens of the feminine species. ai some not so fine)!

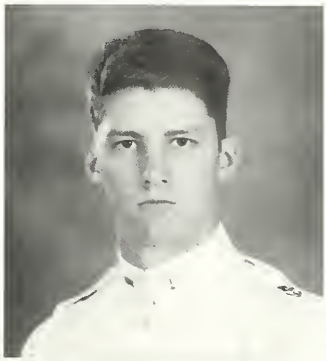
Dye 1990 - Jeff Rawes
Dye 1996 - Carl "Meatball" Lowe

*Colonial Heights, Va.*

Vin Private; Rat Training Cadre 3,2; Drug and Alcohol ad 2,1; Canterbury Club V.P. 2; Trident Society 3,2.

## Rodney L. Turbak

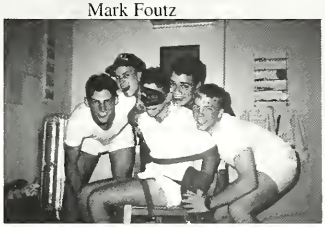
**Mathematics / Navy**



*Leon, Turbo, Turd*

I've always been told that this place will really mean something to you once you've gone. Well, I really hope that this is true, for it's sometimes hard to believe that about a place that breeds such bad feelings. Not to say that I haven't had some of the best times of my life by going here, but I've also seen some of the best friends I've ever made leave without crossing that stage...and that's what it is suppose to be all about. So as time passes, only time will tell. A special thanks to my mother who has always been there for me and always supported everything I've done (whether she agreed with it or not). I LOVE YOU MOM! And..thanks to Todd, Gene, Grandma and Grandpa. I love you all. Good Luck to Jason, John, Craig, Chuck, "BK", & "Dooley." So, Farewell to All, and to All a Good Night!

Dyke 1990 - Christopher "CJ" Johnson
Dyke 1996 - Michael Chadwell
Mark Foutz



*Sioux Falls, SD*

Dean's Honor List 4,3,2,1; Ac Stars 3; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; I Co Cpt 1; Cadre 3,2; Rat Training 3,2; Cadet Assist. 3,2,1; Glee Club 4; SPSS 4,3,2; FREEDOM.

## Clarence W. Tweedy

**English / Special Student**

*Twigor, Danny*

The members of room 113 decided that for our histories, we will each talk about one roommate. Wade McNichols, what is there that I could say within twelve and a half lines, can so few words cover so many years? No one thought we would make it living together but we did. You are one of my best friends and I consider you to be a brother. You made me look into myself, sometimes I laughed other times I cried, but the change you seem to bring was always for the good. Even while writing this I remember our endless conversations, the torturing of our BR's, the Inverted Eric Treatment, our wrestling matches, the ceaseless hours of reading my poetry (that you endured) and what I remember the most is the first time you let me hug you. So, Wade farewell. I know you will succeed. It's hard to say goodbye to one of the best minds I ever knew.

Dyke 1990 - Chuck Ellis
Dyke 1996 - Rick Orr "Screwball"

*Madison Heights, VA*

Wrestling 4,3,2; Powerlifting 2; English Soc. 4,3,2,1; Intl. Club 2,1; Pre-Law Society 1; Promaji 3,2; Sounding Brass 1; Ozymandias 2,1; CPB 1, Club 13 4,3,2,1

## Sammy G. Tyner

**Electrical Eng. / Special Student**

***Gambler, Tiny, Shammy***

I just wanted to be out on my own to see the rest of the country. But instead, I still had a curfew, no car, and no freedom to go anywhere. I knew nothing about this place but that it was a good excuse to go away for college. Still, I don't know what I'm doing here. Was it worth it? Not for $14,000 a year. I could've bought myself a nice condo by now. Like anything in life, VMI has its pros and cons. At least I can say I never had to worry about picking out my clothes in the morning. The only decision I had was, dirty or clean. Best of all, my car looks cool with a VMI bumper sticker. This place bites but, I am glad to have had the pleasure of being stuck here with some of the greatest guys with the worst haircuts.

Dyke 1990 - Scotty "Too damn motivated for me" Spellmeyer
Dyke 1996 - Chris "I'm too sexy (In his own mind)" Wells

Big Bro[illegible] Choir
2.1 Stud[illegible]

## Bryan J. Van Deun II

**I.S. / Special Student**

***BVD,BJ,Jean-Claude,SP***

Four years ago getting here didn't seem possible. But after much complaining, I've reached the final hurdle of the Institute. Life was made much more bearable thanks to my roommates/best friends Tom, Mike and Kevin. We have had some unique and memorable experiences together, i.e. Ring Figure and France. You guys are the greatest and I love you. I look forward to sharing our futures as close friends. Mike - Good luck squid! And thanks for the past three years. Kev - the ball isn't that heavy. I'm glad we're each other's best men. I love you pal. Tom get a haircut, and good luck. To our rats, press on! You all can succeed Brian, high GPA and empty nets will see you through. Thank you to Mom and Dad, Andy, Deb for putting up with me (I love you), and to our awesome Lord. PEACE.

Dyke 1990 - Barry Maxon
Dyke 1996 - Brian Hartless
Wes Parmer

*Lincoln, NE*

Rat-4; Cpl-3; Sgt-2; 2LT-1; XO-1; Pi Delta Phi-3,2,1; Glee Club-4,3 Vice President-2,1; Sentinels-3,2,1; Dean's list-3,2,1; OCF-3,2,1; Club '02-3,2; Rack pig-4,3,2,1

## Peter R. Van Leunen

**English / Naval Science**

***Looney, Soul Brother #1***

I remember the cold air on the snowy [illegible] rade deck in 1989. There stood a man I respect [illegible] blood running from his cheek. Col. Dab[illegible] where are you? Oh great Buddha, in the sn[illegible] white of December...remember? Return to [illegible] deem these karma-boys. Third class year wom[illegible] I do not love you/ Stole my soul/ And made [illegible] X-mas black. Second Class year was very ni[illegible] Got out and about with a red-hair she-devil. [illegible] put it on me. It being gold and very large. T[illegible] year, the last, Clinton & his wives. Now be[illegible] my years of oppression, but I shall persev[illegible] Will the "I" remember me? Will anybody [illegible] hope to save your children from the extren[illegible] masses, B.R.'s, when I'm teaching Ameri[illegible] Literature. I owe money out the wazoo, and [illegible] you know I love you. I think, therefore I [illegible] finished.

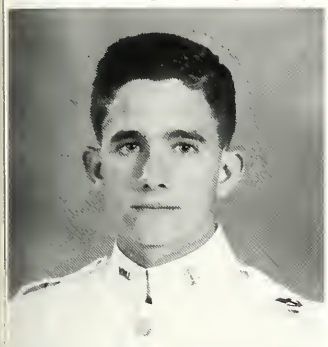
Dyke 1990: Brett "Bronze Star" Turner
Dyke 1996: Jung-Chun "Smiley" Lai

*Warson Woods, MO.*

English Society 2,1; Cpl. 3; "Born again Pvt." 2,1; Co-E[illegible] "Sounding Brass" 1; Co-Editor "Ozymandias" 2; Pr[illegible] Club 2,1; W&L Relationship 2,1.

## Gregory G. Vinci Jr.

**Electrical Engineering / Navy**



*Vinny, Vinman*

What could be said other than that we have chosen the road less traveled, have sacrificed for years of our life here, and it has become a school which we have all come to love. The memories are endless and the friends we have made will last a lifetime! To my roommates, the times we shared will never be forgotten. Could not thank you enough. (You too NFG!) I hope you achieve all the goals that you have set. Chris &Mike, you both have three yaers left. Enjoy them! To Mom and Dad, to whom I owe so much, thank you! This day is yours. To my family, especially Lisa & Tony, thanks for your support. Lauren, you have lived through the sacrifice & pain. We have fought of our backs and have survived. Now is your time, our time. Let the memories continue. I Love You!

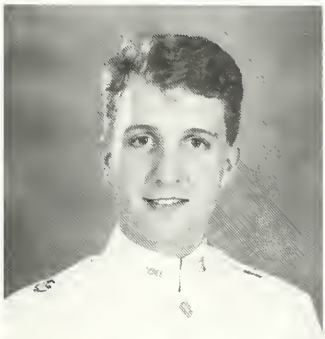
Dyke 1990 - Antonio C. Zang
Dyke 1996 - Christopher R. Gorman
Michael D. Arendt

*Rockaway, NJ*

Hop Court 2,1; Prosecutor 1; IEEE 4,3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Roadrunners 2; Wrestling 4,3; Lt 1; Trident Society 4,3,1

## Philip W. Walker

**Mechanical Engineering / Navy**



*Spicoli*

To the surprise of everyone I'm sure, if General Knapp said to me on stage "In order for me to hand you this diploma you must do this all over again.," I would. I'm sure that my parents and grandparents would support me as they have these past years. Mom and Dad, only two more. Jason will probably graduate with a 3.5 and Catherine a 4.0. I probably wouldn't have gone this far had it not been for Kristin. I would gladly repeat these first four years of our lives together and change nothing. I love her dearly and look forward to repeating the next four years with her 100 times. I have gained few friends here, perhaps because I marched to the beat of a different drum. Jason, Mark, Bill, Mike, and Brad, thanks for being there. Rob and Mike - BOHICA!

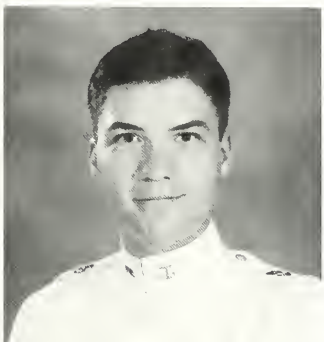
Dyke 1990 - Garrett Thompson
Dyke 1996 - Brian Smith

*Pensacola, FL*

Cpl 3; ASME 2,1; Tau Beta Pi 1; Trident Society 1

## Michael M. Wallace

**International Studies / Navy**



*Wally, Walrus, Mikey, MB, NA*

When I came to VMI four long years ago, I knew it was going to be a rough road. How rough of a road it was surprised me. To Pig, that thing I don't have finally dawned on me. The 121 crew, SP, FB, and Tom, it has been a great 3 years and I will always cherish the times we have had together. Pat, Butch and Steve-there have been too many good times to count. Melay, this Pup wants to thank you for always looking out for me and for being my friend. Hang in there, Jonathan. My BR's in Band Co., thanks for the many memories and for being my friends. To the Class of 1993, the best of luck in everything you do. They say that none makes it through VMI alone, and without my family having faith in me and my dreams, I wouldn't have made it. This diploma is as much yours as it is mine. Finally to VMI, I bid a bittersweet goodby. May you always keep your youth. -Mark Twain

Dyke 1990 - Chris Watson
Dyke 1996 - Jonathan "Opie" Ogburn

*Roswell, GA*

Pvt 4,2,1;Cpl 3;Band 4,3,2,1;CWRT 3,2,1;Firefighter3,2,1; Timmonds Society 4,Trident Society 2,1; Cadet 4;Bomb3,1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1;Ring Fig Video 2;Marshall Museum 3,2,1;Mascot 2; Commanders 4,3,2,1;34 Cocktail Club 2,1.

## [illegible] B. Watson

English / Army

### *Phil,Phily Phil,Diznak,BDP*

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:15). I thank God for allowing me to make it thus far because without him, none of this would be possible. Dad and Mom, you deserve so much credit. You guys have always stood behind me, and I do appreciate you. Angela, you are the best friend everyone wishes to have; you've never let me down and I do love and appreciate you. I cherish your friendship Joe, Rob, J.P., Damon, and Chris. Hunt and Charles, this year would not have been complete without you two as roommates. I have thoroughly enjoyed living with you and I wish you the best in life. Chris and Elijah, it has been a tough year but I love you just like the little brothers I never had. Coach Bozeman - thanks for believing in me.

Dyke 1990 - Mario "too slow" Small
Dyke 1993 - Chris "Far gone" Finnigan
Elijah "Uncooked" Ham

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Pre-vol [illegible] 4,3,2,1, C [illegible] Club 1 Science [illegible] 1

## John F. Weeda

I.S. / Special Student

### *Buck, Dirk, Don Juan*

I have finally found an escape from the "T"...Valencia, Spain! I continue to seek the light that my BR's and countless alumni describe. I can only imagine whispering "VMI" and "Love" in the same breath. Patience is not my virtue. To my Mom and Dad - thank you for always being there for me. For your encouragement and understanding in my darkest mmoments and for your unconditional love, I will always be indebted. Let this testimony serve as a reminder of my constant love and respect to you both. I will make you proud. To my two Chucks - Wake me up in five minutes, OK.? You know what a bivouac is, right?...Wait! What is it? Look at the turtle. Pollok wants a transfer from V Company? Naw.

Dyke 1990 - Brian Albro
Dyke 1996 - Sean Donohue

*Burke, VA*

All Pro 4; RDC Fan Club 4; Cpl 3; Hop and Floor 4,3; Theatre 3; RFM'93, Bus. Manager 2; Stealth Rock Painting Committee 2; Study in Valencia, Spain 1; Graduate...Maybe?

## Thomas C. Westen

History / Army

### *Barney, Dingle, Heathen*

First off, I give my thanks to God. I definitely received some overtime grace. I th k God for my family. Ya'll know how I feel. I l e ya. Chap, you helped me find my faith ag n. You've been the rock in this sea of sand for m y a cadet searching for God. Cpt. Fields, thro h you I rediscovered my passion for the service. e loved all my life. I thank you all. VMI is a be f roses. Its beautiful as a prestrain from afar. t when you get in the thick of it you're gonna bl d. Its all been worth it. Joys of legend, and frie s-ships of eternity have been forged in the fire of the four walls. Hey Cris, Wonder Twin Pow s ACTIVATE! Roommates? Ack!Thrrp! I l e Ya'll too. To the Posse of Five, live today for e dream of what can be tomorrow. Counci of Three: Rob Blye. Nuff Said!

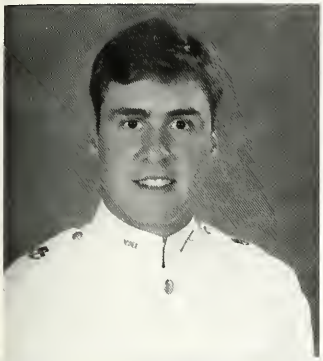
Dyke 1990 - Andrew "Wedge" Schaff
Dyke 1996 - Jason "FryGuy" Falin

*Dale City, VA*

Ranger Platoon 4,3; Ranger Challenge 4,2,1; Airborne; C.T. Religious Affairs Committee 3,2,1; OCF 3,2,1; Cha n's Bible Study 3,2,1; BSU 3,2,1;Council of Three.

## John C. Westfall

**History / Special Student**



*Clue, Tight Jaw, Puddin'*

When I decided to come to VMI, I had some ea of what I was getting myself into. Of course, one is really prepared for the VMI experience. was no exception. Needless to say, I have not rticularly enjoyed myself, but VMI has enabled e to gain some invaluable lessons about life. e most important is to keep a low profile. I ven't made too many friends while I have been re. I have tried to restrict myself to that 10%, hich seems to grow smaller every year. But the es I have made, have always been there, and n sure they will continue to be. Julilly, you have en through the best and the worst. It's almost er. Mom I couldn't thank you enough for all ur support and understanding, and dad, thanks r giving me this oppurtunity. Gil, Sandy, and nny its almost over, good luck.

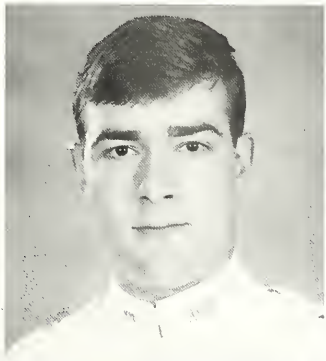
Dyke 1990 - Mike Kemp
Dyke 1996 - Paul Dickenson

*Richmond, VA.*

Lacrosse 4,3,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Cadet Staff 2; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Number 1 Club

## Mark T. Wetherill

**I.S. & Spanish / Marine**



*Hitler, May, "M", Heavy "D"*

Once upon a time, I was a Rat. Those days were hard ones, but full of great F Troop memories. Dave and Reed, thanks for making 472 a room full of insanity, and teaching me the ways of procrastination. DJ Jazzy J, thanks for sticking with me through that year, and for laughing at me when I came home for the first time as a kemo kid Rat. Next, came life as a third . . . what life? Second Class year was great. Lorel, I will never forget June 8th or Oct 19th( did you get engaged then?). Finally, came my First Class year. Leading F Troop was one of the greatest honors I've had. John, thank you for being as messed up as me. Brad, we've had parallel cadetships, we showed them. Scott, word up. LL, novia, are you ready to run?

Dyke 1990 -
Dyke 1996 -

*Fairfax, VA*

VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; Cpl 3, Master Sgt. 2, F Troop Company Commander; Semper FI Society 3,2,1; International Club 3; Road Runners 2; Martial Arts Club 4; Bulldog Plt 2; Cadet Newspaper Staff Writer 2,1; F Trooper; LL 2,1+.

## Mark W. Whitehead

**Electrical Engineering / Air Force**

*Whitey*

Thank God it's finally over!! Without a doubt these are the four roughest years of my life. Four years of no sleep BRC's and SRC's, confinement and Saturday classes. I won't miss it a bit. Only VMI has challanged to be and do the seemingly impossible. VMI has taught me that I can do anything as long as I have the right attitude. Each member of the class of 1993 knows that their ring and their diploma have been earned and deserved. To Dave H., you better get two alarm clocks because it would be a shame if you slept through work like you slept through BRC. Good luck to you and Jennifer. Charles L., be patient, you'll find what your looking for. Thanks Mom and Dad for making it all possible and being supportive. Good luck to all EE's and good luck to the class of 1993!!

Dyke 1990 - Dave Wright
Dyke 1996 - Shannon S. Hume

*Culpeper, VA*

Rat 4; Rifle 4; BSU 4; IEEE 2,1; Martial Arts Club 2; Suspension Club 3; Spirit Squad 1; Virgin private 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2,1; Echo Company

## Joseph A. Williams

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

### *YIN*

I would like to thank GOD for giving me the opportunity to attend VMI and the perseverance to stay. To my parents, I would like to say thank you for picking me up when was down and I'm very lucky to have both of you; I LOVE YOU. Academically, the people who looked out for Joe "the student" athlete; Col. Jamison, Col. Gomez, especially Col. Page and Mrs. Davis your patience and guidance will never be forgotten. To the fellas: Rob, Lo, Dewayne, Ray, C-Dog, Big Cab, T-Scales, Mike, Hunt and Phil (making it through the "I" gave us a winning season). " My one purpose is to swim the seas find the truth and spread it around, give it to the children that know how to listen so they can pass it after I drown. We can all stop being washed away." - Arrested Development.

Dyke 1990 - Francis L. Cager
Dyke 1996 - Benjamin Venning

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## Jeffrey S Williams

**English, French minor / Army**

### *Jeff*

Special thanks to Kathryn, my parents, my Brother Rats, and those here at VMI who have made my life a little easier: Col Bissell, Col Joyner, etc. I wouldn't have done it if I knew in highschool what I know now, but I think I am well prepared to face a world full of you-know-what. That was the best training of all - putting up with the hassle that got worse every year. I can do anything now that I have graduated from VMI. Yes, VMI is unique. There is no other place like it. Thank goodness.

Dyke 1990: Rob Gudz
Dyke 1996: Chad Foster

*Burke, VA*

Pistol Team 4,3, co-captain 2,1; Ac Pro 4,3,2, Conduct Pro 1; Post Confinement 4,3,2,1; Summer School 4,3,2,1; Marine-option 4,3,2; Got smart and switched to Army 1.

## Matthew W. Williams

**I.S. / Special Student**

### *Skinner, Matty-Moo, Curly*

What can I say? In fall 1989, I came h[illegible] looking for the greatest challenge of my life. A[illegible] boy did I get it!! At VMI I have also found the b[illegible] friends of my life, a work ethic unparallele[illegible] those students at "other" schools, and a coll[illegible] experience that I can be proud of for the res[illegible] my life. It was a hard four years, someti[illegible] lonely, but never unsatisfying. Hotel Co., Roo[illegible] 152, 150, 126, S-50, Raleigh, Kevin R., L[illegible] John H., Jason D., Mitch, Grant H., Nadigs, [illegible] Deacon I will remember everyone of you w[illegible] fond memories that I shall never forget. Ro[illegible] Paul, and Andrea thanks for the support [illegible] understanding. Mom and Dad, I couldn't h[illegible] done it without you and words could ne[illegible] express the love I have for both of you. Fina[illegible] thank you God for your guidance and l[illegible] Picture: Halloween 1992 at home.

Dyke 1990 - John King
Dyke 1996 - John Gray

*Atlanta, GA*

Rat4,Cpl3,Sgt2,Pvt1;Dean's List4,1;Wrestling4,3;CA[illegible] 4,3(3rd Editor),2(Asst. Ed.),1(EIC); College Republi[illegible] 1(Pres);Pre-Law Society 2,1(Sec).

## Sean P. Wilson

**History & I.S / Army**

### *Booger, Seanguin*

Well its been five years since I began my strnge trip in undergraduate studies, and now th the end is near I can only say thank God its almost over. Reflecting on my four years here at VMI I can say that if it hadn't been for the guys in the Corner;" T, LT, Fish, Clarkmeister, Nymanbus, Schlong, Gunny Smith, and of course RS 24450 it wouldn't have been nearly as fun Rat tortute, "Have you seen one of these? grades," after Taps gatherings in Club 371,271, 17, Ring Figure, Lee-High and who could forgeJMU? Ralph and Jeff watch the grades and be of luck in your remaining years-I'm only a phne call away. Finally to Mom and Dad, both of you were my inspiration to succeed. Whenever I needed something; be it money, advice, or just some support you were always there. I wouldn't have done it without the two of you.

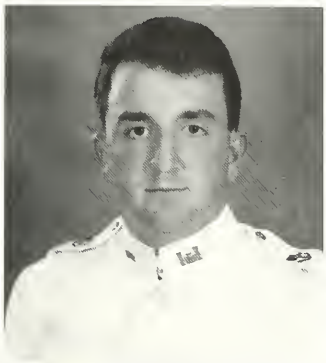
Dyke 1990 - Wilson R. Deppe '88
Dyke 1995 - Ralph J. Ragosta
Dyke 1996 - Jeff Bradford

*Williamsburg, VA*

Frame 2, 1; Ranger Challenge/SLI 3,2,1; CTLT-USAJFK WC 1; Dean's List 3; IRC 4,3,2,1; SCUSA 2; Study tour in Germany/USSR 3, The Corner 3,2,1.

## Tucker M. Worsham

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**



### *Worm-sham, T*

All is well that ends well; and all has ended well. I have grown and developed considerably since Rat year, I just don't know how. Hopefully, this knowledge will come to me before graduation so I can convince my parents they did not waste their money. I have learned many valuable lessons, the most important being the great magnitude of my families love for me. Alonzo, the simple fact we are not crazy and made it this far says a lot for our characters. Cass, Pardew, thanks for the torture! Fred, the rest of my brother rats, thanks! Cyndi, the Lord makes me to lie down in green pastures and leads me beside the still water, and as long as we are there together, hand in hand, I know we can handle any test that life challenges us with; 15 down, forever to go. Farewell VMI!

Dyke 1990 - Todd Toler
Dyke 1996 - Steve "Mr. Specials" Johnson

*Lynchburg, VA*

ASCE 4,3,2, Pres. 1; Pre-Law Society Pres. 1; Cadre Corporal 3; Color Sgt. 2; 2nd Batt S-5 1; Rat Training 4,3,2; Dykeless 2; C.P.W. 1.

## Michael B. Wright

**History / Special Student**

### *Buddachild, Pendragon*

I started my college career by heading to Myrtle Beach. After too much sun and fun, I discovered VMI was were my heart should be. It is an adventure I'll never forget nor regret. This adventure took me down all the wrong roads at VMI, but I trudged forth and finally have found the gold at the end of the rainbow. I owe thanks to my mother and father and grandmother who gave me the chance to rest and recover during my adventure. I never would have made it without my travelling companions, Rick, Joe, Creg, and last but definitely not the least, Artie. Artie, we began this adventure together, and like fate would have it, we finished it together. Thanks for putting up with me. George, good luck, I see a very bright future for you at VMI and the A.F.

Dyke 1990 - Ben Beers Dawson '89
Dyke 1996 - George Stringer

*Waynesboro, VA*

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4,3,2,1; Rugby social chairman 1; Cadet Waiter 4,3,2; Head Cadet Waiter 1; AA 4,3,2,1; Ac Pro club 4,3,2; President 1; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1

## James Y.C. Wu

**Mechanical Engineering / Air Force**

***Dr. Wu***

Coming from thousands miles away, James had no clue what to do in the place of totally different culture. He did not do good at all from the very beginning due to the lack of self-confidence, and of course his English ability. As the years passing by, James experienced so many frustrations in his journey, but he had learned lots of things from them. By the supports of his roommates and all other friends, James had overcome quite a few bad points. This part of life is not to be forgotten for all the good things and the opposite. This includes knowing a special friend in England and the life-long regret of not being able to see his father for the last time.

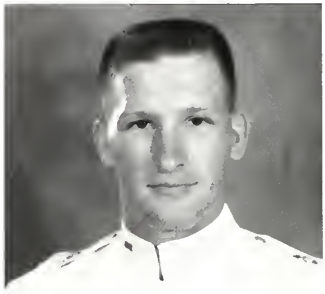
Dyke 1990 - Wang "Champion" Peter
Dyke 1996 - Ong P.C.

*Taipei [illegible]*

International Club [illegible] VMI 1, Virgin Private Exchange Program [illegible]

## Michael R. Wysong

**Biology / Air Force**



***Buzz, Rufus***

I was driving home, when I noticed a very large bull grazing in a pasture. I looked around to see that he was only contained by a single barbed wire. Why didn't the bull just charge through the fence? Was he so scared of getting shocked that he wouldn't make an attempt to free himself? I tried to think of all the times I was the bull, and was too afraid of failing to go for it. I also tried to remember all the times I was the fence and was a road block in front of someone else. It was at this moment that I realized what the biggest thing V.M.I. had taught me in four years. And that is simply, "Never be the bull, and always treat people with respect, and in return you will be respected." I truly thank everyone who provided me with the oppurtunity to learn this lesson.

Dyke 1990 - Tim Edwards
Dyke 1996 - Victor Jackson

*Midlothian, VA*

Wrestling 4,3; Pre Law Society 2,1; F.C.A. 4,3,2,1; A.R.I. Project 2,1; Summer School 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Master Sgt 2; Hotel Company Commander 1.

## Phayseng P. Xayavong

**Electrical Engineering / Air Forc**

***Mr. X, X-man, Saxaphone***

Well, I've finally made it. It's hard to bel how much VMI has changed my life. The e rience here has taught me a great deal. thanks for helping me get through the ratli thank my family and friends back home for support. Mom and Dad, special thanks to Tonya, "my love," without you this p would've been unbearable. Thank you for love, understanding, and caring. You're alv there for me. I look forward to a lifetime toge As for my roomies (119), Mr.GQ, Cocoon, Cheese-Cracker thanks for making me laugh listening to my babble (whether you want not!). Our friendships can't be expresse simple words; ours is a lifetime. Finally, dykes and brother - "Good Luck!"

Dyke 1990 - Jeff Millican
Dyke 1996 - Dallas "Skippy" Richards
Wiwat "Hollywood" Ruengm

*Bedford, VA*

Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1; International Club Sect. 2, P Martial Arts Club 3,2; Virgin Private; V-Ball Team 1; Concession 1; IEEE 2,1; NSPE Vice Pres. 1.

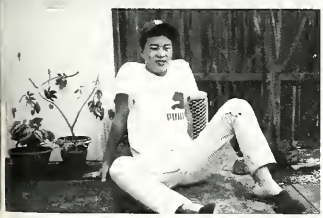
## Pyong H. Yim

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

*Pingpong, Pedro, Yimster*

I don't know how to start this. I still can't elieve that I am a first classman already. My rat ear at VMI seems like yesterday, and I'm riting this? Four years ago, in August, my long air was just gone suddenly and I looked at the irror in my room. "Oh my ..., that's not me!" ow, I realized that I was born again at VMI. I ave learned many things. Among them are, pecially, importance of integrity and self con- ol and they became a part of my body. I didn't ave any idea what this place was about before I ot here, but I know now; VMI is the place where l the guys should go through to be a real man. mean a real man. Now, I don't want to regret ything. Once, I had an agony of choosing tween Tech and VMI, but I think I chose the ght one. Also, now I know there are no such armer people than my brother rats; especially y roommates, Chang(CBC) and Huang are arm like a radiator. Good luck guys. Now I want say thanks to my mom, dad and my brother, who ade this moment possible. God bless every- ody.

yke 1990: Kieth Ahn
yke 1996: Jeremy Johnson

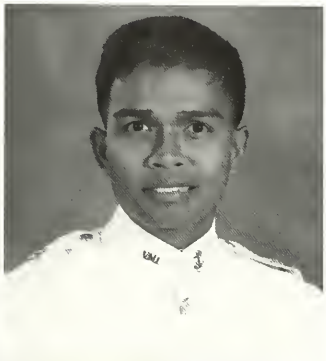


*Springfield, VA*

4; Private 3,2,1; Echo Company; International Club 4,3,2; e Guy 4,3,2,1

## Ra Yocun

**Mechanical Engineering / Navy**



*Ra*

The memories and the spirit of the Institute will always be with me. I cannot be more proud to say that I am a VMI man. To the BOYS of 132, I couldn't have asked for better roomates. We really know how to use the sink to its limit!. JC, I must admit, you have won the bet. Fred Aldridge, you are the boy when it comes to anything less than 13 years. Eduadrooo Maynard, for my sake, eat rice( or right ); leave those brownies and coke for the afternoon snacks, not for breakfirst. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Jeb, Pete, keep up the good work. It as been fun to have you in our room. To mom and dad, I am deeply appreciated for all the loves and supports which you have given me for all these years. I am forever indebted to you both.

Dyke 1990 - Will Crane
Dyke 1996 - Jeb "The Bullet Head" Bartosik.
Pet "The X-Man II" Xayavong.

*Richmond, Va*

ASME, NSPE, Trident Society, USNI, Dean's List, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, Private.

## David H. Youngclaus

**English / Army**

*Clause, Muff, Sir, Stinky*

How can I sum up, in this paragraph, what VMI has done to me? I could sit here and bitch about all the unpleasant times, but I realize (now that I'm going to graduate) that going here serves a purpose. The friendships I've made here will last a lifetime. To my lax buddies, farewell from the Greek God. Rm. 101"NAMES?" Pervert corner, you guys are my best of friends. Dan, Spence and Drew there is not enough space to go over all we've been through. Summer 92 SAE annex, you know who you are. Harry & Joe you guys really know how to bitch, but I love you. IRA members, you know who you are - FREE IRELAND. Mom and Dad I love you both, words cannot express my deep appreciation. Thank you for being so supportive.

Dyke 1990 - Steve Wray
Dyke 1996 - Jay Trinder

*Yorktown, VA*

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; College Republicans 1; Monogram Club; Sergeant 2; Eating Team 3,2,1; IRA 2,1; Unauthorized Boxing Team 3,2,1

## Lee C. Yowell

**Civil Engineering / Special Student**

*Yowza*

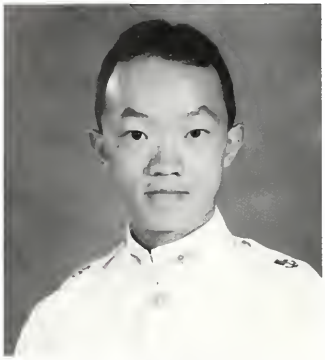
Upon coming to the Institute, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I envied my friends as they were out partying and going to concerts. Though I always thought everyone else was having all the fun at other colleges, I have to admit that I had some really good times...W&L at Pi Phi with Mike Mitchem; Charlottesville at my brothers and at UVA's Sigma Alpha Mu house; Foxfield; Van Riper's; Wintergreen ski trips with Max, Carter, Roop, and Naked Man; Spanky's with my roomie Link; numerous concerts at TRAX in Charlottesville as well as at RFK,W&L, UVA, Hampden Sydney. Obviously, my priorities were not exactly in the right order. Only through the Grace of God and the support of my family and friends was I able to make it through this place. God bless all! Picture - My brothers and I.

Dyke 1996 - Tonio Napolitano

Virgin Private; Cadet

## Ming-Chi Yu

**Electrical Eng. / Special Student**



*Me&You*

Great thanks to all those who helped me and from whom I learned things.

Dyke 1990: Li, J.G.
Dyke 1996: Shyu, Randy S.

*Taiwan, R.O.C.*

Virgin Private; International Club 4,3,2;

## Michael H. Zamalis

**Mechanical Eng. / Special Stude**

*HEMI*

Mom, Dad and, Tesera- You know I w say too much here, but Thank You. I cou have done it without you. Phil and Lincoln- guys are all-right, but together, w unstoppable. Now, crack open the throttle Hang On!

-It's all just a matter of priority.

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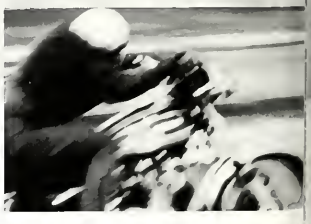
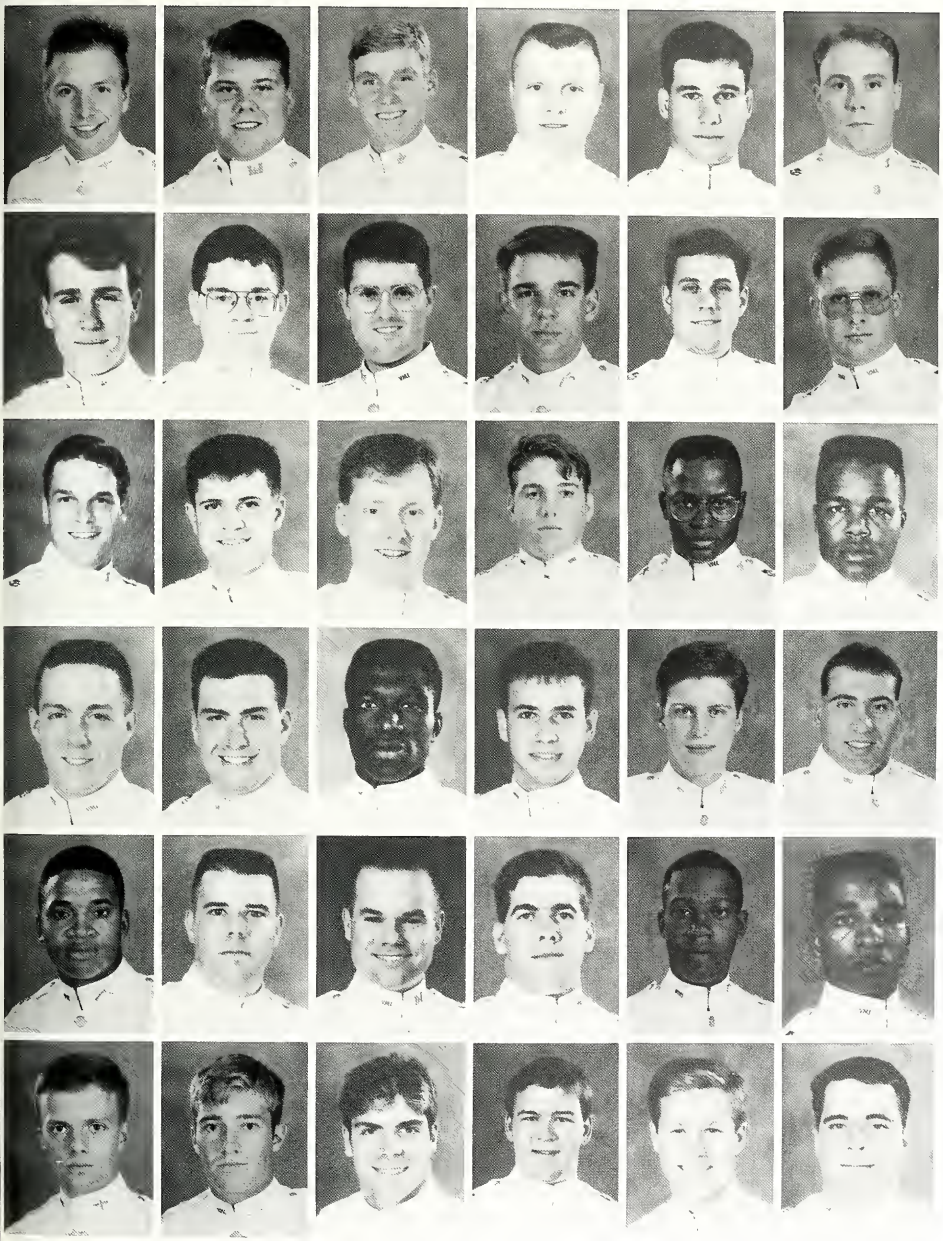
Dyke 1996 - Jason Botterill
Nick Latsios



*Vandergrift, PA.*

# FIVE YEAR MEN



Daniel Agostini
Jeffrey Blackburn
Robert Browning
Jeffrey Clark
William Current
Todd Denny

Michael Dalton
Charles Dunn
Jon Greenspon
Rodney Gudz
Timothy Jordan
Michael Kamin

Kelly Kasper
Garland Kelly
Michael Kirkmire
Daniel Lyle
Brian Mason
Curtis Mason

Daniel Mazzei
John Milstead
Marcus Mines
Douglas Olson
Matthew Owings
Michael Perfetti

Henry Pitts
Lewis Riker
Robert Ritchie
Matthew Robinson
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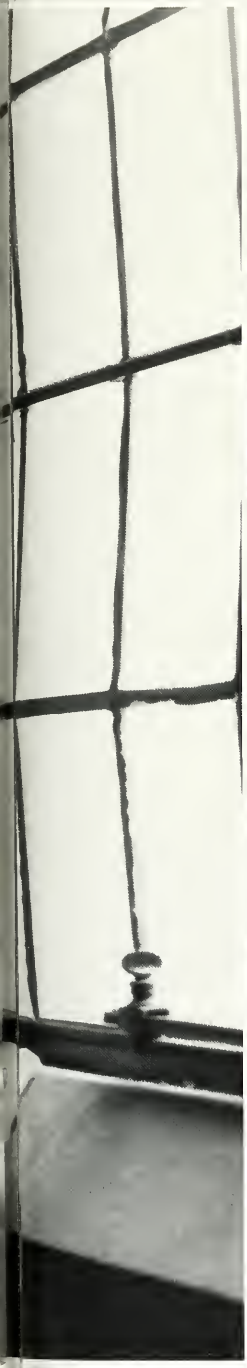
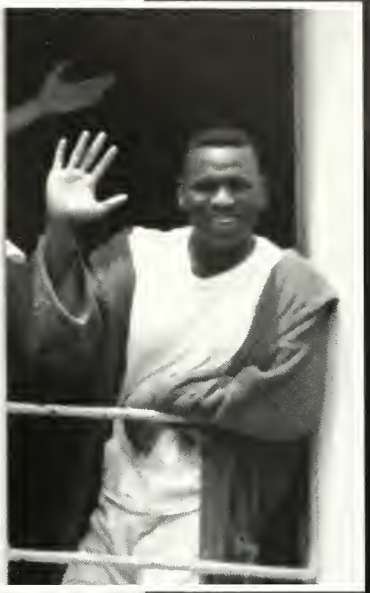
William Waters
Charles Weatherman
Jeffery Zeigler

# SECOND CLASS

## MARKING TIME





(above) A group of our Brother Rats enjoy a little free time on a sunny Saturday afternoon.

(below) A wayward Rat learns why Master Seargents are to be feared.

# THE CLASS OF '94

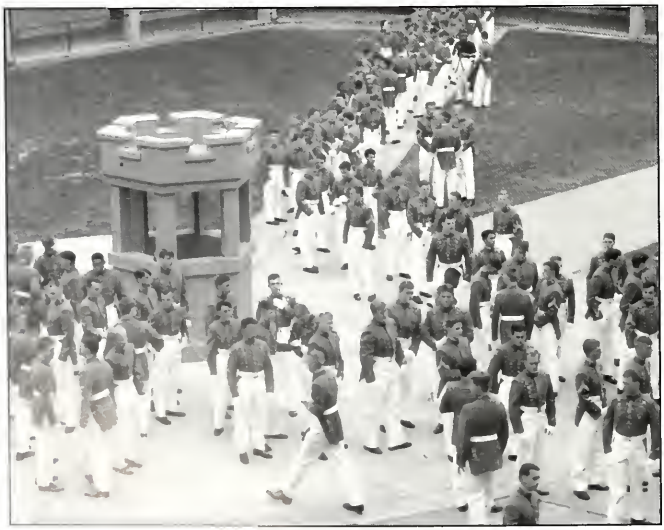
The class of 1994 began its Second Class year known for the high publicity of wayward brother rats. We seemed to lose people for all conceivable reasons during our third class year, yet these trials and tribulations only brought the class closer together. It didn't take too many days after our return in August to hear the questions of "How many days, rat?" or "Do you have a ring dyke?" All members of the class spent the fall concerning themselves with the payment of dues, endless ring bills, and the much anticipated White Blouse fitting sessions. Undoubtedly, the quest for a date stressed some as well.

We decided to hold the Ring Figure activities at the Natural Bridge Complex on Halloween weekend. Everyone had a great time, and the class acted more responsibly than those of recent years. It is also notable that the timeless tradition of marriage proposals came out in full force this year. We welcome the soon to be female members of the VMI family. Hopefully, marriage will remain the only method for female association with the "long grey line."

Right before Thanksgiving, the class suffered the loss of a classmate. Sam Gillespie will always be a part of each of us , never to be forgotten by those who wear the ring of 1994.

The road marking our cadetship has been tedious and long. A few members of the class will graduate this year. We wish them the best of luck. As for the rest of us, we look forward to having our turn at running barracks. If we follow the example of '91, the Institute will be in sure hands.

**David B. Bruce**
**Historian '94**



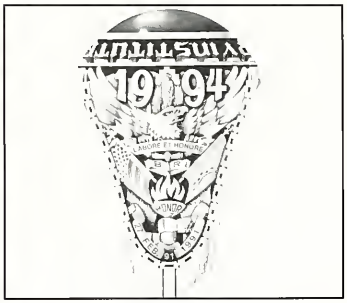
(above) On 30 October, 1992 the class of '94 eagerly awaited the presentation of the [illegible]

(right) Steve Isola enjoyed the emptiness of new barracks before the arrival of this year's rats.

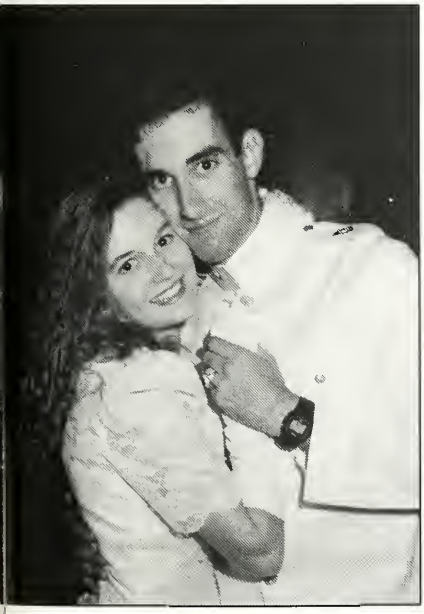
# THE RING

(above) The class side of the ring contains numerous symbols significant to 94's history.

(below) The symbols on the institute side of the ring represent the entire corps and its history.



(left) Lolo Lasida may have enjoyed Ring Figure a little too much.



(left) Louis Louis and his date were quite enthralled with the Ring Figure Dance. My, how the time flew!

(above) Dave Bruce, selling programs, seems to enjoy the fact that he was not marching down to this football game.

# ACADEMIC FIRST CLASSMEN

## Robert C. Browning

**Econ. (Math minor) / Army**

### *Ro, Ro Ro, Buff*

Take the road-trip. You remember the road-trip. You remember the times with friends. It's the manhattans with Brian or the mixers at Baldwin. It's the travel dyke, the Texas Tavern, Timmy's birthday, or the toga party; the crows nest, The Citadel, East Lex, or the Sam Houston Wayside. It's Charles West falling asleep in class or Stew falling in love at Foxfield; or Wayne's mustache of high school or Chuck's conquest of Taco Bell. It's the most unforgettable times you ever had, but ones you realize you can hardly remember. It's the times you hold special and the people who are dear. It's the greatest of times. That's why we have to take the road-trip.

Dyke 1991 - Jim Pugel
Dyke 1996 - Shad Burgermeister

*Hudson, OH*

[illegible] Schlivitz

## Timothy M. O'boyle

**History / USMC**

### *Minibladder*

Well, it's been an interesting four years of college and three of those years a VMI. I'd like to thank my family first of all for helping me and putting up with a lot of my crap. I'll always remember my room 15 mates, Charles, Little Man, Stu, and Grandpa. I thank you all for putting up with my quirks and drunken episodes. The years here have been good and bad, strange and terrible. But I've found a lot of good friends here, the best of my life, and think this place has prepared me for a successful future. Now its time to leave to what should be a pretty interesting future.

Dyke 1991 - Eddie Insinna
Dyke 1996 - Ryan McCarthy

*Des Plaines, IL*

Cpl 3; Col Sgt 2; Dean's List 2,3,4; Ac Stars 2; Semper Fi 2,3; Bulldog 3; Bulldog Cadre 2; Marine Corps Marathon 2; Roadrunners 2; '94 Aristocrat 2.

## Scott T Proffitt

**Mechanical Engineering / USMC**

### *ST,Country,Banshi,Merc*

I can remember the first time I came to [illegible] VMI. I had never been to Lexington, so I [illegible] unfamiliar with the city. I got off at the exit [illegible] said in bold letters **Virginia Military Insti[illegible]** As I envisioned what VMI might look like, [illegible] pictures of a place that had power within [illegible] walls. I made a right on to mainstreet at the [illegible] of the hill. I then looked up and saw somet[illegible] that confused me. I said to myself "I didn't k[illegible] Lexington had a prison on top of that hill?". [illegible] after 3 years at VMI, I am now positive t[illegible] prison exits on top of that hill, for the power [illegible] just ghost stories.

Dyke 1991 - Eric "Harley" Davidson
Dyke 1996 - Darren "Chief" Kirby

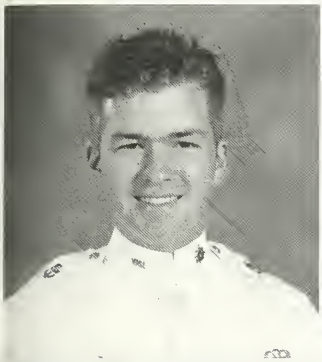
*Roanoke, VA*

Deans List 3,2; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; Track 4; OCS 2-3; Cle[illegible] 4,3,2,1

# ACADEMIC FIRST CLASSMEN

## Eric A. Tarbox

**History / Army**



*Chowbox, Outlaw Biker*

I cannot rest from travel; I will drink life to
lees. All times I have enjoyed greatly, have
ffered greatly, both with those that loved me,
d alone... I am a part of all that I have met; yet
experience is an arch where through gleams
t untravelled world whose margin fades for-
er and forever when I move. How dull it is to
use, to make an end, to rust unburnished, not
shine in use! As though to breathe were life!
or my purpose holds to sail beyond the sunset.
at which we are, we are - one equal temper of
roic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but
ong in will - to strive, to seek, to find, and not
yield."

- Adapted from Tennyson's "Ulysses"

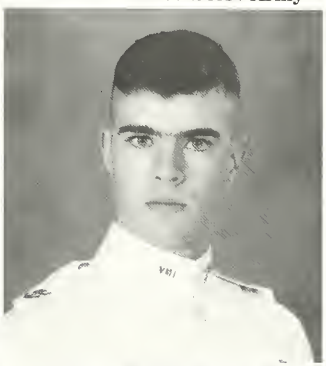
ke 1991 - Chris Isakov, Greg Hurst
ke 1996 - John Amory Glaccum

*Morris Township, NJ*

Credits in 3 years; Buffalo Creek Highway Patrol Com-
nder (Buffalo Ch'ps); Canterbury Club V.P.; First Cadre
poral; Award for Least Kowtowing.

## Ian Trombley

**International Studies / Army**



*Flipper, Flash, Wookie*

There are definitely a lot of things that can be said of Ian, most of which have already been said. Our close friendship has allowed me to lower his maturity level enough to that befitting of an Army officer. Ian is definitely a free thinker. He defies classification by exhibiting both a genuine passion for life and a total, ever present focus. This strange combination can sometimes lean more to one side than another. But, the two characteristics are always linked by his honest and candid thoughts, none of which I have ever seen him afraid to volunteer. In this way, he is an inspiring individual and I believe that his unique character will definitely bring him where ever he chooses to go. Good luck and Godspeed.

-Phil Starling

Dyke 1991 - Thomas F. Austin III
Dyke 1996 - Abstain

*Ithaca, NY*

Cadre Cpl. 3; Ranger Challenge 3; Institute for European Studies (Vienna, Austria) 2; Dean's List 4,3,2; Airborne; Air Assault; Master of the Kick'n Chicken 4,3,2; One and Only Registered Democrat in Barracks 4,3,2

## John F. Vazquez

**International Studies / USMC**

*Juan, Johnny V, Squez*

After 3 years I now realize that the best view of VMI is indeed from the rear-view-mirror. But I also realize that I have come to love this wretched place for reasons I still don't understand (my ring will always remind me of that). Getting through VMI, however, was something I couldn't have done alone. So to my family, thanks for believing in me and supporting me. To Pauly V, I wouldn't have made it without you. To my roommates Jimmy, Geof, and Todd, hang in there one more year, it's worth it. To Pat, thanks for getting me through rat year and to Aaron, wrestle hard and STUDY. I also have to say thanks to coach Trudgeon, coach Newbern, Major Chase, Fred, Adam, Kit, Steve, Brian, and Country. And finally to the rest of my BRs, thanks, good luck, and SEMPER FI.

Dyke 1991 - Pat Madigan ("Mad Dog")
Dyke 1996 - Aaron Mickiewicz ("Micky")

*Norfolk, VA*

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Wrestling; VMI Bulldog Platoon 3; OCS; Master Sergeant 2; Semper Fi Society 2.

# RING FIGURE '94

**(above) Phill Starling, Second Class President, was eager to make sure everyone (to include himself) ejoyed the R.F. party.**

(above) Sometimes the [illegible] of the Ring becomes a fanaly [illegible] Here are two generations of [illegible] and miniatures.

(below) Tom Busic and John Cunningham join the band on-stage to give a little pep to an already out-of-control party.

(below) Dave Truslow, Noah Stoyko, Chris Richmond, Chris Demetriades, and Steven Kidd take a break from the dance to pose in the Ring.

(left) James Stewart, one of our honorary Brother Rats, proudly displays his ring.

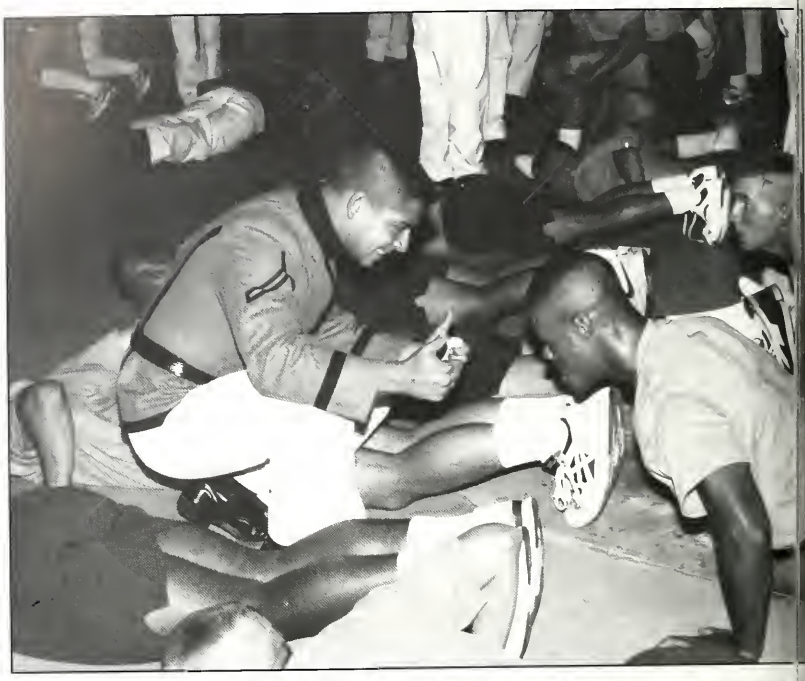
(above) With great anticipation, Matt Losquardo, Herb Parsons, Jason Nicholls, Andy Mulcunry, and Tim O'Boyle await the presentation of their rings.

# CADRE

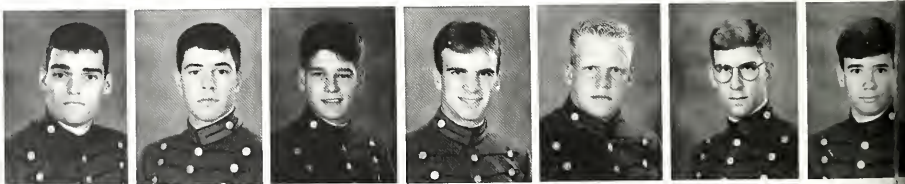
Every year Cadre members return in early August to prepare for incoming matriculants. The Second Class returned this fall with an active leadership role: this was the year that we actually began teaching the rats. We spent less time concentrating on flaming rats and more time on educating them. The Second Class company leaders were also given the chance to prepare the third classmen for their upcoming leadership positions. It was through this system that the third's began developing their own qualities as leaders. Our Brother Rats not only proved themselves at the company level, but also moved on to battalion and regimental positions. The administration said this year's Cadre was one of the most professional ever, and a large part was certainly due to Second Class leadership.

**by Steven Kidd**

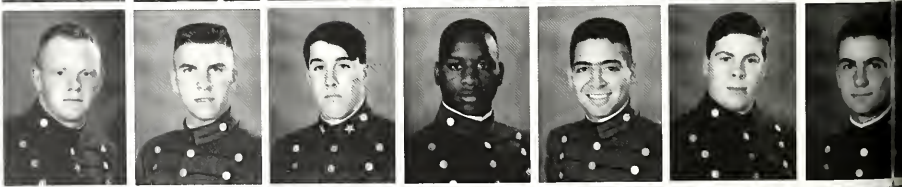
**(below) Hernan Barrero attempts to motivate a rat during Hell Night.**



**Daniel Acuff**
**Dikran Akserayian**
**Clayton Altizer**
**James Anastas**
**Matthew Ankrum**
**Richard Armstrong**
**John Ayres III**



**Christian Badger**
**Timothy Bailey**
**Carter Baldwin**
**Fredrick Barber**
**Hernan Barrero**
**Scott Bass**
**John Beggs**

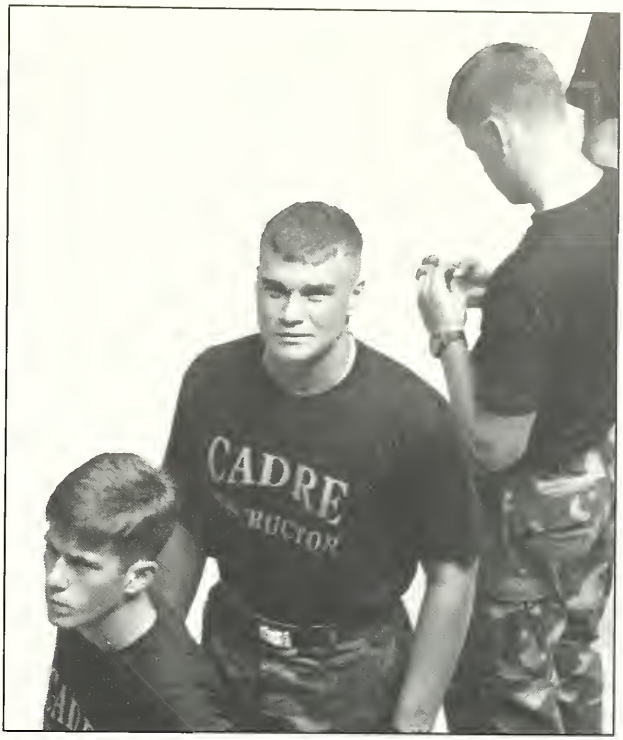


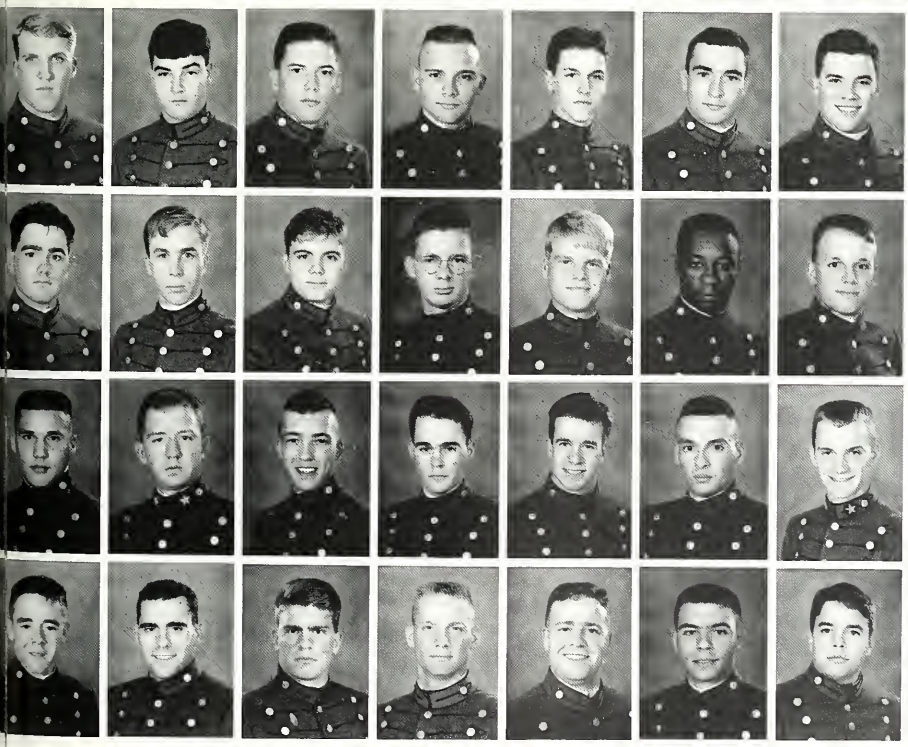
**Jason Bennett**
**Nick Berezoski**
**Andrew Blair**
**Joseph Blanks**
**Francis Boehling**
**Adam Bolan**
**John Bonner**

Mark Bradshaw
James Bratina
George Brock
David Bruce
Robert Brumbaugh
Robert Brumley
William Buckner

(ght) Geof Vorhees takes a ort break from training the (dre prior to the rats' arrival.

(below) Nathan Rush corrects a rat's strain during the Hell Night festivities.



Maxwell Bulloch
Theodore Burr
Thomas Busic
Mark Cameron
Matthew Camfield
John Campbell
Marshall Campbell

Joseph Casey
Corey Cheers
Jason Cincilla
James Claire
Richard Clark
Robert Clark
Robert Clover

Scott Cole
Robert Coleman III
Brian Collins
Chris Collins
Stephen Colvin
Christopher Coolidge
Stewart Copenhaver

Chad Correll
John Craft
Jacob Craig
Ryan Croley
Curtis Crowder
John Cunningham
Paul Curley

# MAKING LEADERS

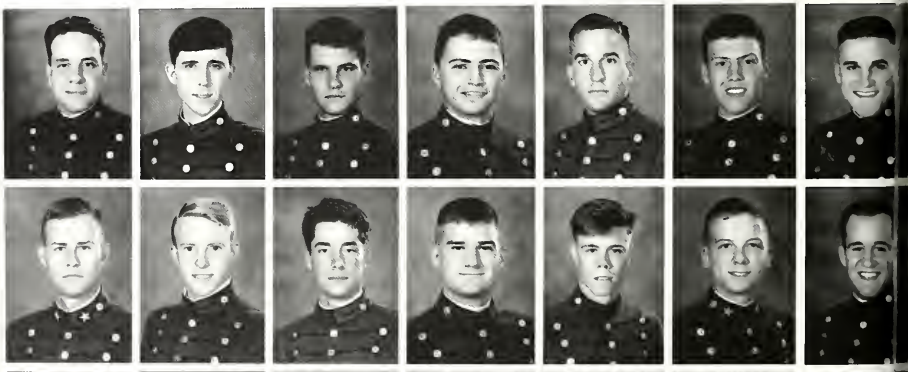
Central to the every day instruction that goes on at VMI is the practical application of leadership. After the ratline ends, the fourth classmen, who have learned to follow all year long, begin to look towards building their own leadership skills. Now adept at managing their own affairs, they can begin looking forward to positively influencing others. Until the day they graduate, the fourth classmen will be fine-tuning their leadership skills the same way cadets at VMI have done for years: through observation, relations with their peers, and the time honored method of "trial and error."

**Phill Starling**

(below) Jon Lauder marches his staff by the reviewing officers at the Ring Figure Parade, an event when the second class replaces the first class in commanding the Corps.

(right) The Color Guard, led by members of stands rigid and motionless in honor of the natio colors.

**David Cacosta**
**Sean Dadson**
**Carter Davis**
**Joseph Davis III**
**Kirk Deason**
**Thomas Deaver**
**Carl Debernard**



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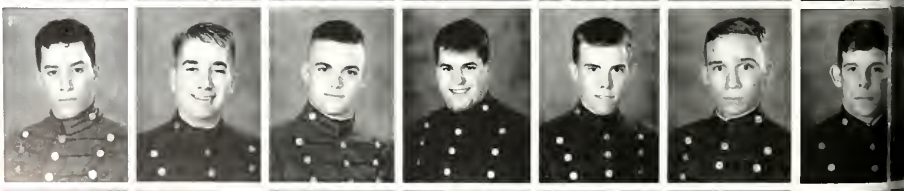
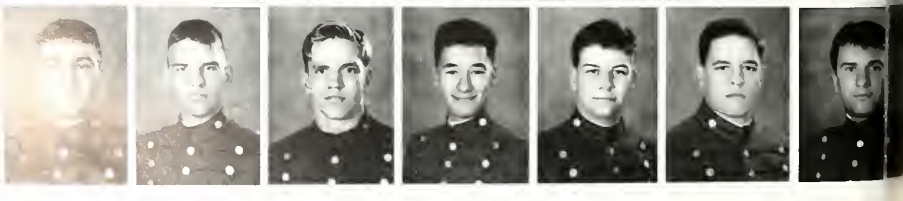
**Howard Disavino**
**Joseph Dobson III**
**Jason Doering**
**Christopher Doss**



**Steve Dowdy**
**Charles Downs**
**Christopher Doyle**
**Stephen Dudek**
**Charles Duke**
**Martin Dunn**
**Dennis Dupras**

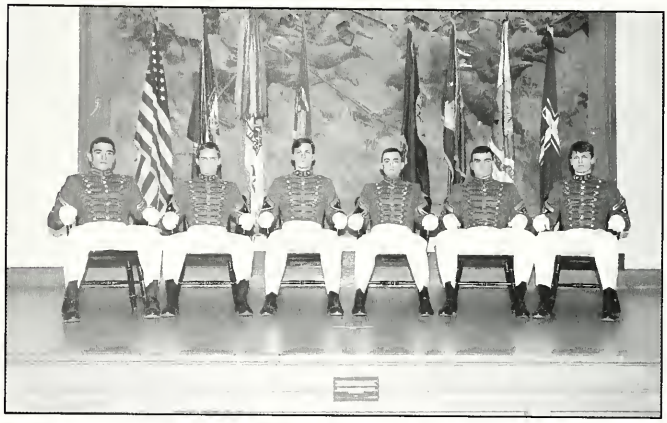


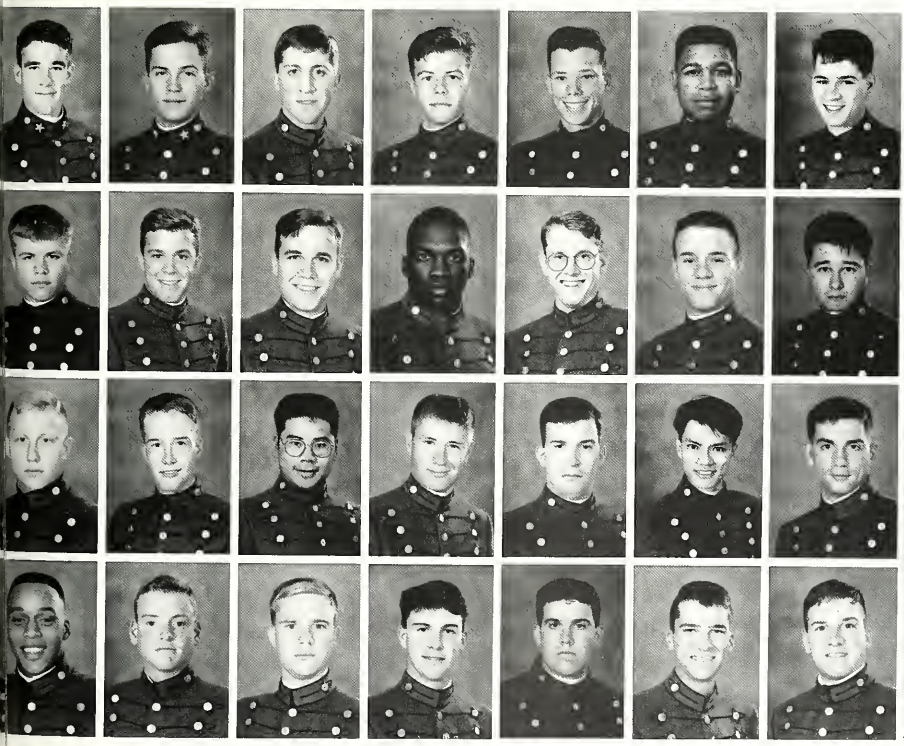
Joseph Du
Michael Ea
Eric Ensley
Gerald Esc
Douglas Est
Charles Evans
Jonathan Fabyon

(left) The 1994 class officers: Mike Reyman, Vice President; Phill Starling, President; and Dave Bruce, Historian.

# '94

(below) The Second Class Honor Court representatives: John Campbell, Stewart Copenhaver, Dan Felty, Dale Hybl, Geof Vorhees, and Charles West.





Matt Fedowitz
Danny Felty
Addison Field
Don Fix
Craig Freeman
James Gaston III
C.T. Gibson

Chad Gilreath
Sean Gosdmith
John Paul Goode
Jonathon Goodman II
William Gorman II
John Grant
Michael Grippo

Christopher Gros
Michael Grose
Geraldo Guinto
Gary Gu.lliksen
David Guthrie
Phong Ha
Mark Hannan

William Harding
Sean Harrington
Derek Hart
Mark Hazelwood
Garrett Hedges
Edward Henning
James Hewitt

(below) A party seems to follow Adam Strickland wherever he goes.

(right) Frank Boehling pours himself and his date a drink from one of the numerous kegs.

(far right) Always a Brother Rat, Clay Campbell helps out Jimmy Bratina with a drink.

Aaron Hickman
Brian Hingst
John Holloway
Edward Hosken
Robert Howard
Kenneth Hunt
Dale Hybl

Steve Isola
Raymond James
Michael Johnson
Rudolph Johnson
Thomas Johnson
George Karavetsos
Steven Kavanaugh

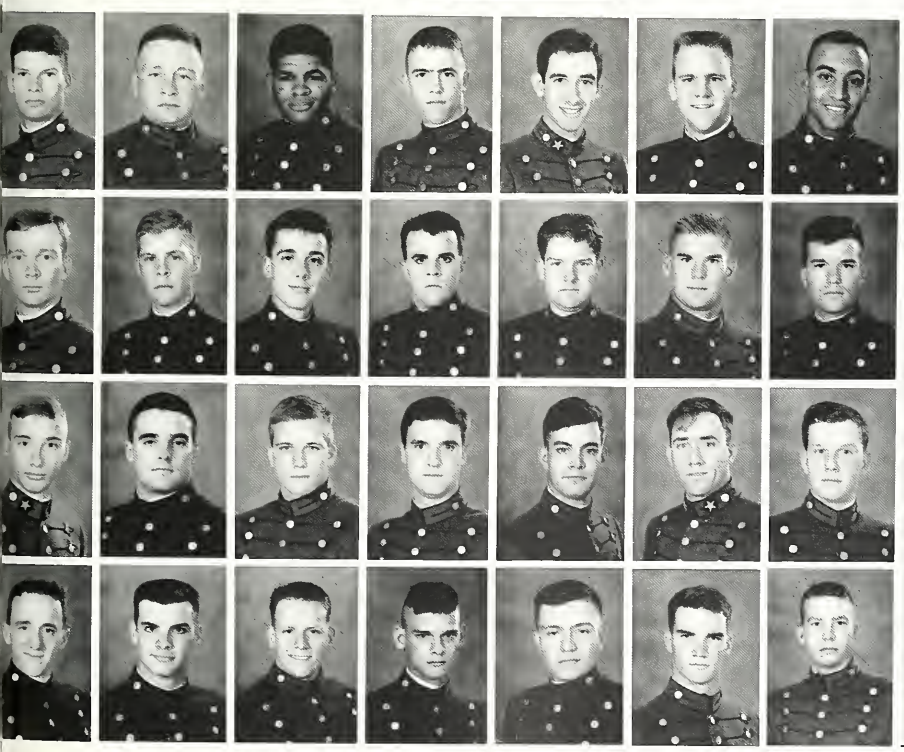
Harrison Kelly
Steven Kidd
Jacob King
Brian Kochanowski
Derek Kovacsy
Chang-pin Kuo
Daniel Labyak

Chris Lagerb
Wayne L
Brian Lar
Lolo Lasi
Jon Laude
Peter Lawren
Francis Ligday '

# PARTY TIME!

By portraying itself as an ideal location to continue one's quest for knowledge, every institution of higher learning desires nothing more than to make itself more appealing to our nation's future leaders. However, many in their pursuit for educational excellence neglect the exploration and exploitation of many of the finer points of their educational experience. While reaping the rewards of Ring Figure '94, the Second Class did everything within it's power to ensure that this accusation would never be heard echoing through barracks. While every VMI cadet's ability to relieve tension is well known, the Class of 1994's exploits are legendary. Yet, the Second Class did more at Natural Bridge than demonstrate well-known abilities to have fun while consuming large amounts of whatever liquid was available. The Class of '94 demonstrated their undying belief in the principles behind the concept of the Brother Rat. Many were left speechless due to acts of selflessness by several of their BR's. Without a doubt, the Institute was heard from on Halloween weekend. Whether or not anyone at Natural Bridge cares to have us again is yet to be seen.

**by Adam Strickland**



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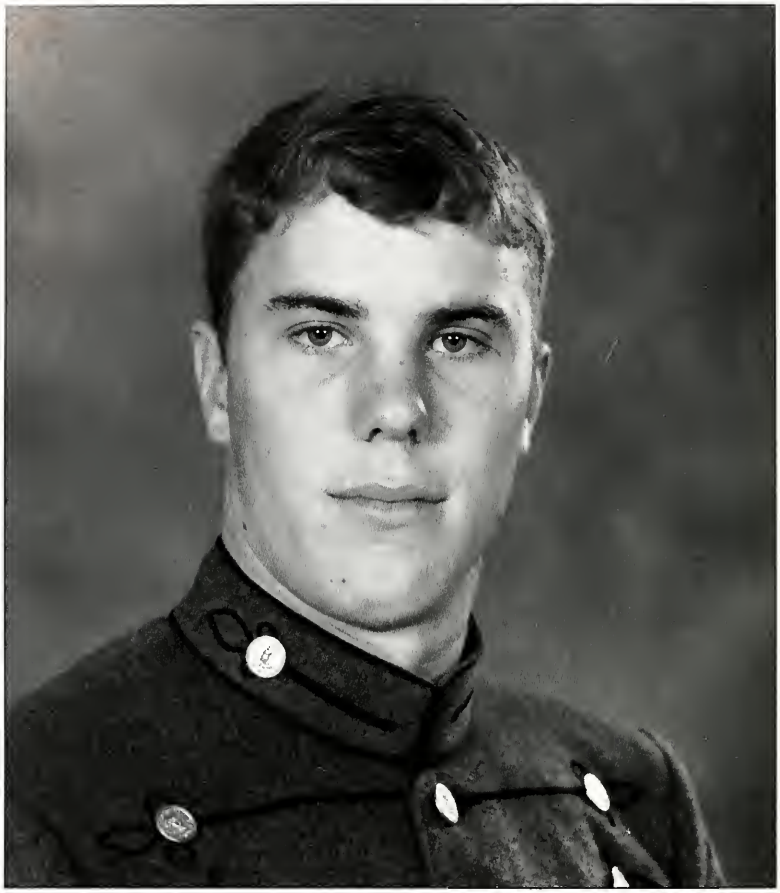
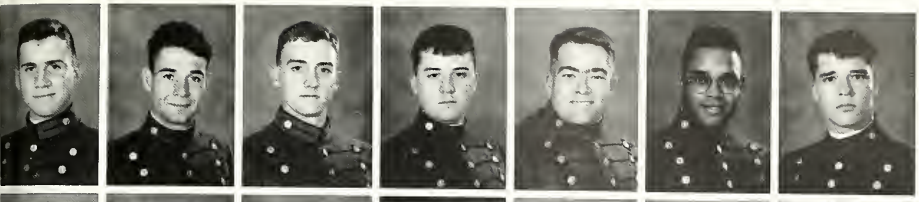


**James Samuel Gillespie**
**1971-1992**

The Virginia Military Institute lost a very good friend as well as an all-around quality individual this year. However few his contributions may have been within his company, his presence on the stoop and around barracks will never be forgotten. "Jackass Gillespie" is what some would yell from the courtyard trying to get his attention. This cadet left his humor and his heart everywhere he went and in everything he participated in. While participating on both the football and track teams, neither his humor nor his heart were absent. His cadetship can no longer exist at the Institute, but as a cadet he will remain in our hearts forever. His ability to make light of every situation, no matter how good or bad, was always helpful to the people around him. To know Jim Gillespie was to love Jim Gillespie. On 25 November 1992, the Second Class, the Institute, and most especially his family lost a wonderful young man and a great friend. May God's blessing go with you, Sam Gillespie.



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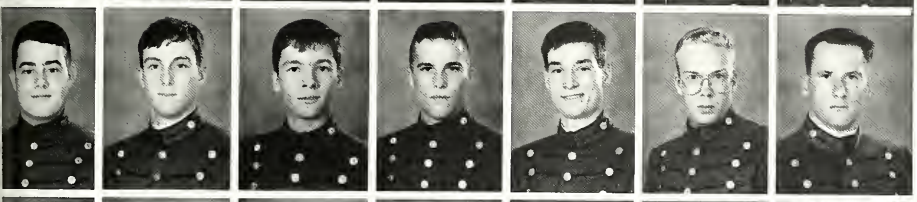

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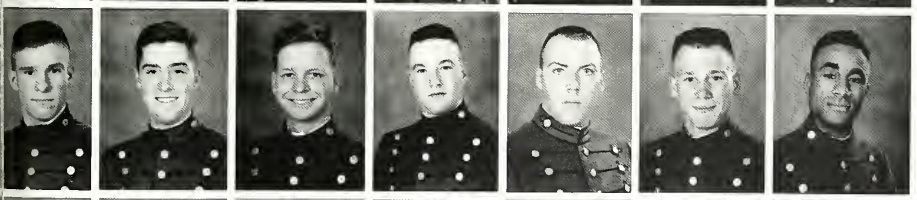

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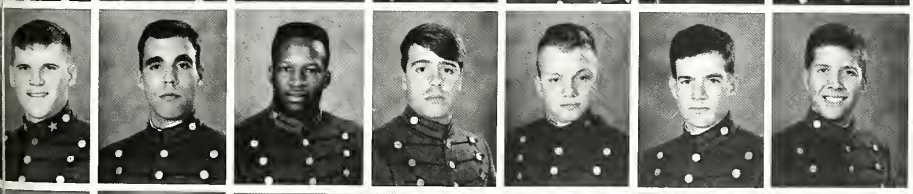

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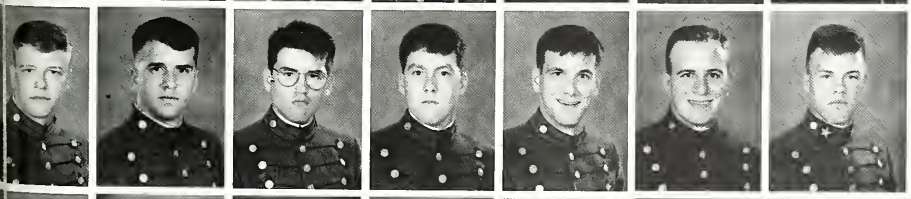

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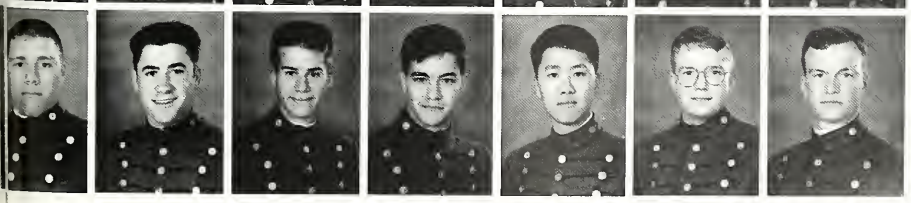


Nicholas Schweizer
Aaron Scruggs
Gregory Shaffer
Matthew Shiley
Jae Shin
Mark Shropshire
Gregg Shultz

# STOOP LIFE

For most cadets, free time in barracks means time spent on the stoops. On any given day you can find cadets looking for new and unusual ways to amuse themselves. Some find relief from the daily drudgery of cadet life through tame sports such as playing catch or tossing the football around the stoops. A few of the more rowdy souls retreat to their rooms for intense games of volleyball or even a room "ball-up session." Stoop-sliding is also an outlet for some of the more adventurous spirits with a craving for speed. Occasionally a friendly and good-natured "room war" will pit the best and most creative minds in barracks against one another in a battle of the wits. The winter time brings fierce and frenzied snow-ball fights to barracks that can last for hours at a stretch. The outside observer might see life in barracks as overly rowdy or even a bit insane, but to the cadets it is just part of the VMI experience and the pursuit of good clean fun.

**by Chris Richmond**

**Shenn-Rong Shyong**
**Michael Slover**
**Sean Small**
**Matthew Smith**
**Timothy Snow**
**Stanley Song**
**Aric Southworth**

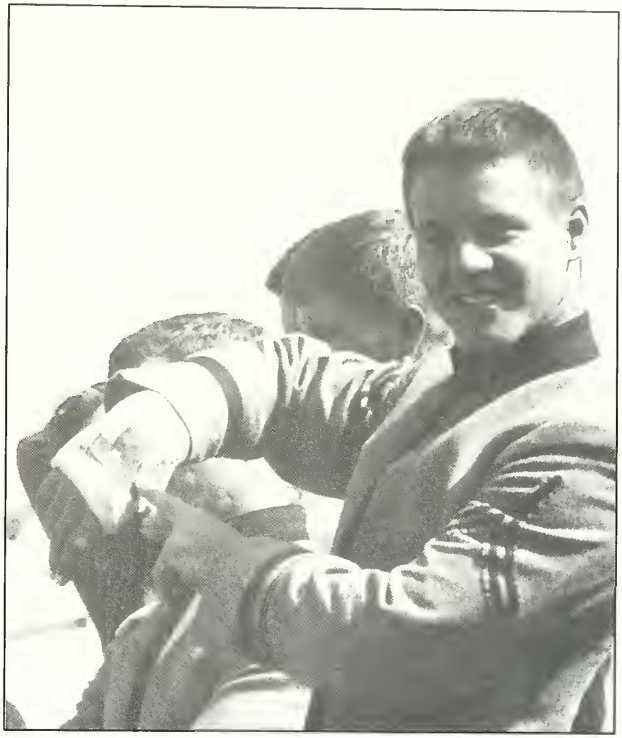
**Sean Spriggs**
**Phillip Starling**
**Russell Stein**
**Bradley Stenner**
**Stacy Story**
**Noah Stoyko**
**Adam Strickland**

**Nimit Suwanharat**
**Robert Taylor**
**Robert Teal**
**Jason Thomas**
**James Todd**
**Philip Townsend**
**Vinh Trinh**

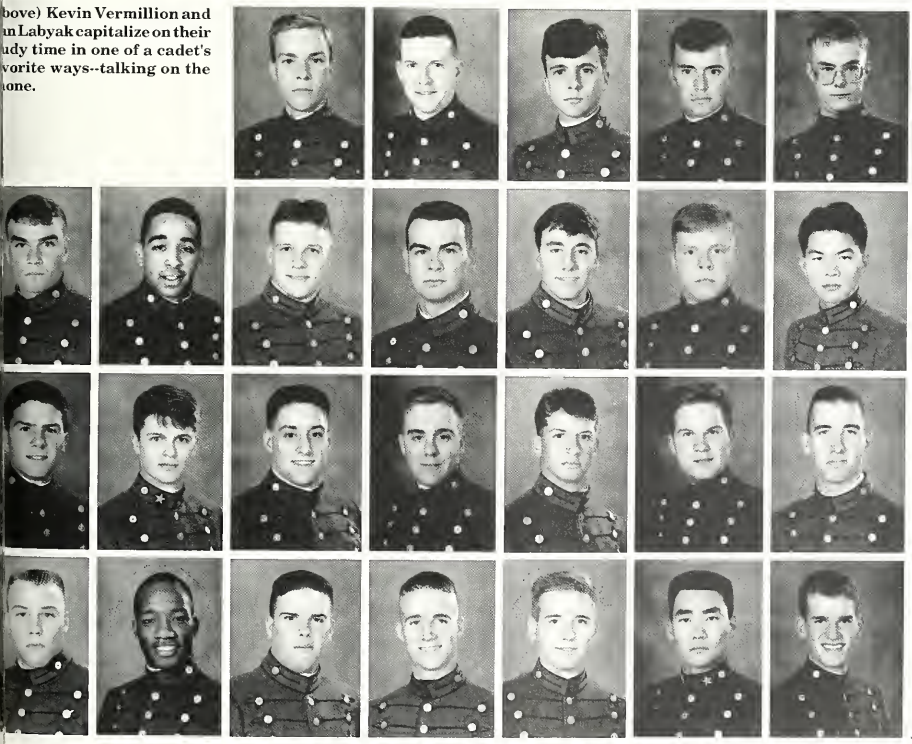
**Timothy Trosclair**
**David Truslow**
**Wilson Tucker**
**Christian Tujo**
**Dan Turner III**
**James Tynan II**
**James Tyrrell**

eft) H. Kelly heads for the nowers with a Coke and a nile.

(right) Rody Grant proudly displays the flag of his native Texas, which he had painted on his cast.



bove) Kevin Vermillion and an Labyak capitalize on their udy time in one of a cadet's vorite ways--talking on the one.



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Charles West
James Whalen
Paul Whitmore
Bret Wilkinson
Michael Wilkinson
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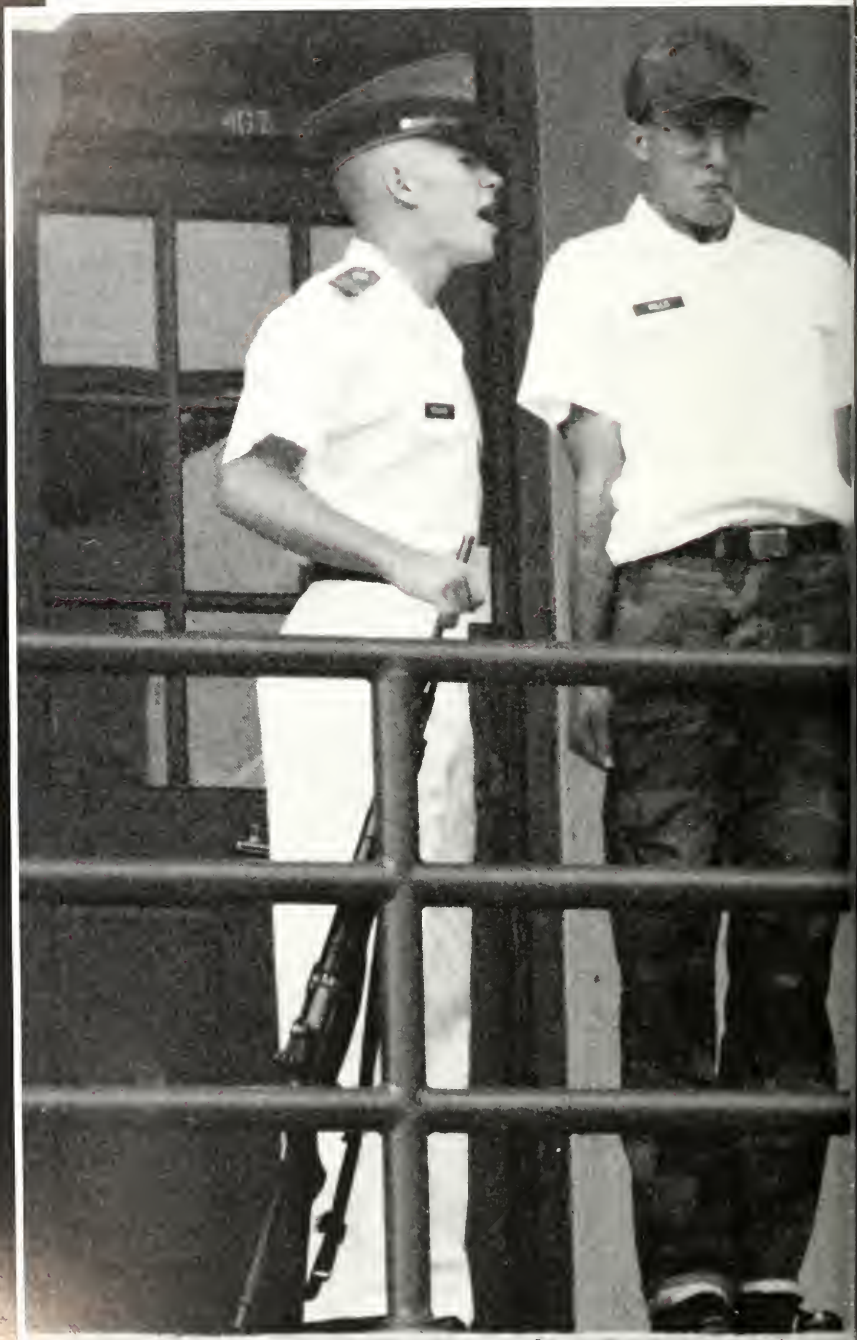
# THIRD CLASS

## MARKING TIME



(above) Brian Williams is amazed to find a Rat with such a poorly pressed grey blouse.

(below) A group of our B.R.'s spend their weekends together enjoying a few brews.

(above) "Beef" Bosiger wins the third stoop hard body contest.

(above) Are we cool or what?

(above) Ed Randall enjoys his first semester furlough.

# THE CLASS

On August 13, 1991 four-hundred and eight individuals made a commitment to themselves, their parents, and to each other. Deciding to come to VMI was the easy part. We are now doing the hard part. During the course of the Ratline and the Third Class year we have faced many setbacks. From the absence of our class president (due to the administration's wonderful academic policies) to the Third Class having to march down after every meal formation. The class has suffered, but endured. Through all of this the bonds of honor and integrity have grown strong between all of us. There is no doubt that we have followed the "path less traveled." There is no mistaking that our numbers have dwindled.

After the Ratline we have focused our energies on becoming leaders and setting ourselves apart from the previous classes

# OF 1995

We have been successful in that endeavor. It is the simple fact that we stand together that makes us so successful. We are able to enjoy the accomplishments of our brother rats as well as our own. Be it academically, athletically, or militarily, the Class of 1995 will continue to excel beyond all expectations.

As we move closer to our second class year we are full of hopes and desires. With the exception of graduation, the ring will be a milestone unparalleled by any other during our cadetships. As we design our ring, the many characteristics of our class come forth. From the attack on the Richmond Spider to the burning of our white belts, we have done everything together. It is these bonds which make us strong and unique, carrying us through our cadetships to graduation.

**(above) Brian Williams shows off his latest in spiderman fashions.**

**(above) Gee, I hope dad doesn't find out!**

**(above) Mark Hagan - photogenic as ever.**

# NEW LEADERS

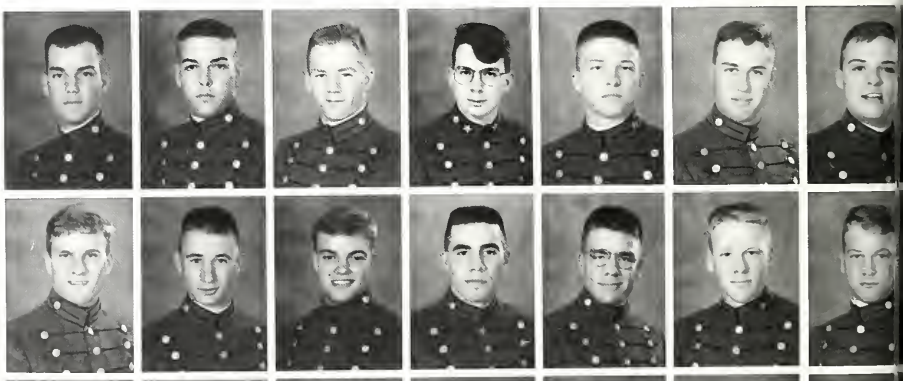
Becoming a corporal is one of the first steps necessary in order to become a leader within the Corps of Cadets. For many third classmen becoming a corporal is a sign of responsibility; for others it is a sign of accomplishment. None, however, can deny that it is a role of leadership. This newly assigned role encompasses a wide range of responsibilities. The very first responsibility is Cadre Week.

During this week, the top three corporals of each company introduce the matriculants to the military, as well as the vigors of VMI. Once the "Old Corps" returns, the roles of the corporal expand even further. Some corporals help to ensure rat discipline in company room, an evening occurrence where rats are taught a variety of VMI standards and also receive a little "counseling" from their Cadre. Other corporals chose to lead Rat Challenge, a bi-weekly series of obstacles which the rats must overcome as a company. Regardless of which activity the corporal chooses, each is a role of leadership which helps to build the VMI man.

**by Mark Wysong**

**(below) Cadre week provided these third classmen with the opportunity to develop as new leaders.**

**Randolph T. Agee**
**John J. Ambler**
**Walter T. Anderton**
**Christian Averett**
**Mason R. Backie**
**Brett S. Badgett**
**Gary T. Bailey**



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**Richard J. Barnet**
**Fred E. Bates**
**Erik N. Bauserman**
**Charles E. Bayless**
**Robert G. Beck**

**Zachariah M. Becker**
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**Michael L. Bernard**
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**Michael Blankenship**
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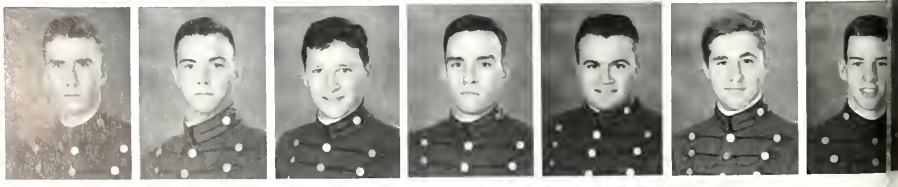
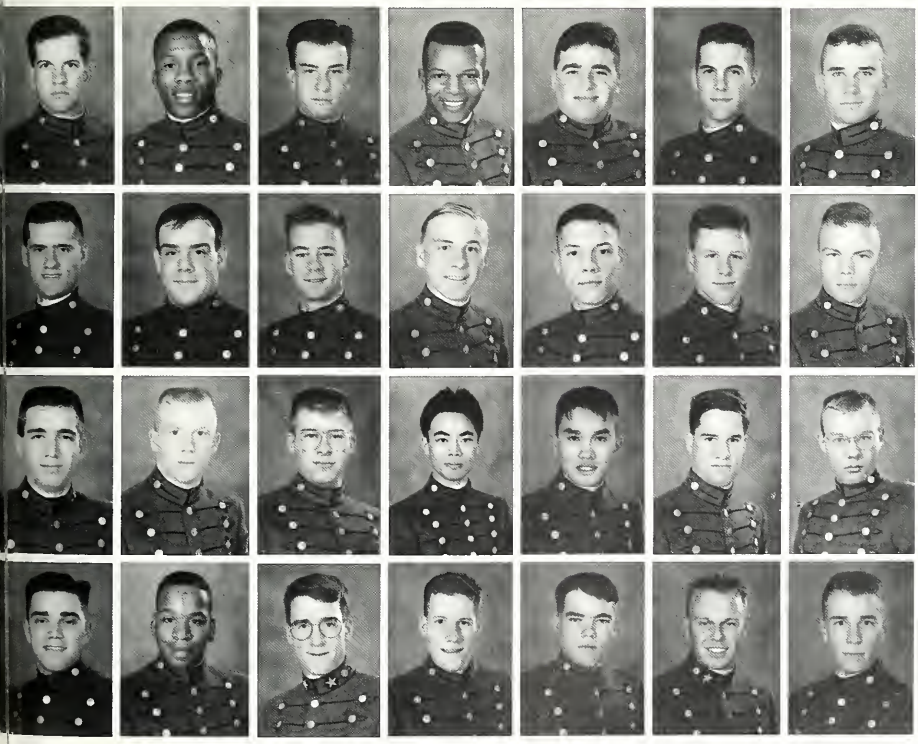


**Brian C. Blue**
**Geoffrey E. Blum**
**Patrick P. Bolton**
**Jeffrey S. Bonham**
**Scott T. Bosiger**
**Alexis D. Bouchard**
**Chadwick A. Bourne**

(left) Todd Glasser and fellow thirds prepare for their Army ROTC class.

(below) Lloyd "Oh My" Taliaferro and Brett "TBEB" Badgett get ready to meet the new Rat mass.



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Charlie E. Branch
Thomas A. Brashears
John M. Brooks
Christian L. Brumm
Gavin A. Bruno
Sean J. Burke

Larry Q. Burris
Keith D. Burwell
Aron J. Buss
John M. Byram
Elvio M. Cabrera
Joseph B. Call
Jano R. Carlson

Michael S. Castellano
Todd S. Chambers
Matthew S. Chapman
Sy Cheng
Steven A. Chojnacki
John A. Christman
William L. Christopher

Austin L. Clark
Kendall J. Clarke
Bradley L. Coleman
Timothy E. Collier
Edwin R. Consolvo
Jolyon R. Constable
Brandon R. Cornett

# WHAT A FLAME!

As third classmen it is our job to enforce the Ratline. That is the role which, from the first day of matriculation until breakout, many of our BR's do with vigor. The different "flames" (cadets who tend to spend an inordinate amount of time screaming at rats) of our class hang out at various stairwells. The worst of these groups, the "Sally-port Geeks," spend a majority of each day in the stairwell between old and new barracks. This group of third classmen thrive on the terror they create in the hearts of Rats. Wherever one is to find this group it will be one of the hottest (and loudest) spots in barracks.

With the advent of the administration's new "be kind to Rat" policies, flame sessions are now limited to certain times. An excellent time to see a Rat with his shoulders racked back and chin in is at a sweat-party. During the sweat-parties the Rat not only has to work out, but also must endure the ear-splitting verbal assault of several upperclassmen.

During the course of the day, any upperclassman can stop a Rat and quiz him on Rat Bible knowledge. If the Rat fails to recite the knowledge correctly, he will more than likely have to face the Rat Disciplinary Committee. This is the committee which takes pride in their ability to take Rats to the farthest reaches of their emotional and physical thresholds. No Rat would dare wish such a fate on his worst enemy. A third, however, is always more than willing to condemn his favorite Rat to such a frightful experience!

**by Mark Wysong**

**(below) Some Rats are very surprised at what they hear.**

**Jared B. Cornwell**
**Jonathan R. Craig**
**Ben M. Crawford**
**John F. Cross**
**Brian S. Crothers**
**Eric W. Davenport**
**Robert C. Davis**

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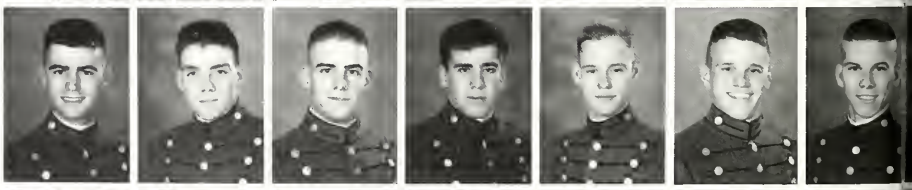

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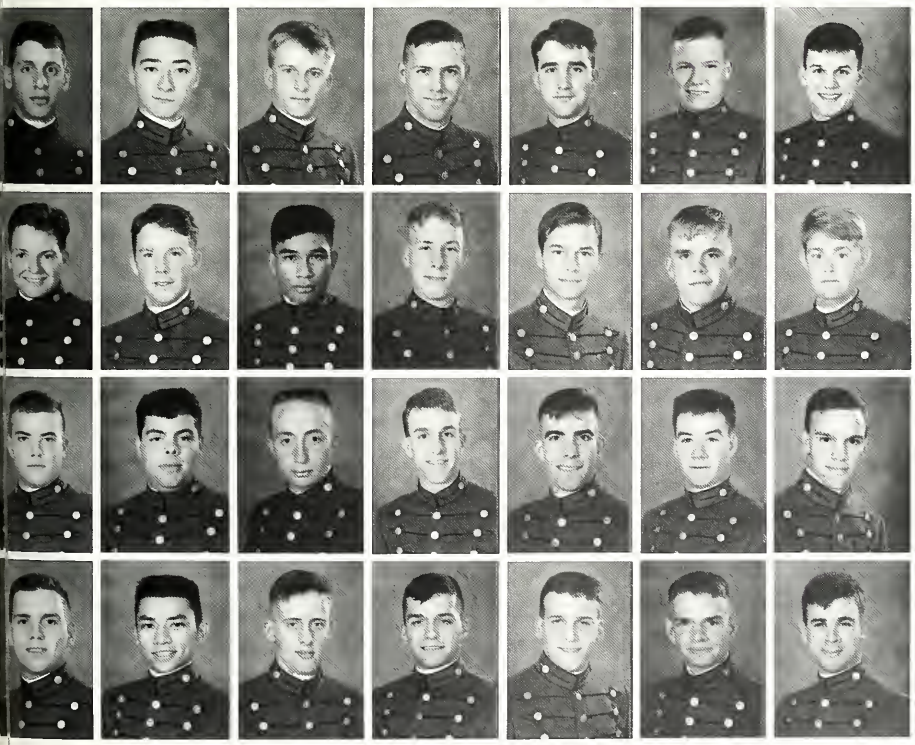
**Wyatt D. Earp**
**William J. Eger**
**Louis D. Esposito**
**Lakei C. Evans**
**Ryan J. Feeney**
**Eric B. Fegley**

**Michael T. Cello**
**Jay J. Ferriola**
**James Firn**
**David R. Fleck**
**Richard J. Fonta**
**Alfredo E. Franc**
**Linden A. Fravel**

(upper left) Gavin Bruno moves in.

(lower left) Adam Maurer encourages his rat workout partner.

(below) Rick Killmeyer takes a light hearted approach.



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Mannoel B. Gorospe
Edward C. Gosline
Scott C. Gowland
David M. Griffin
Ryan R. Griffin

Daniel E. Griles
Christopher W. Grimes
Taylor L. Grimes
David H. Groseclose
L. Gwaltney
Mark D. Hagan
Frankie A. Haltom

James E. Harbuck
Richard T. Hauben
Brian K. Haydon
Paul A. Hayes
Robert C. Henry
Kevin R. Hershberger
Kevin L. Hoffer

# ROOMMATES

To say the very least, a typical day at the Institute can be hectic and nerve wracking. Be it grades, girlfriends, or demerit records, each cadet can sympathize with any situation their roommate may endure. Your roommate is the one you look to when things start to go awry.

The class of 1995 has separated itself from other classes in this respect. The common bond we maintain with each other is our ability to communicate with our roommates. This is the type of "unity" which holds the class together and makes the VMI ties so strong upon graduation. This is the true "Brother Rat" spirit. Above all else we look out for each other. We are there to laugh during the good times and lend a shoulder for the sad ones. Advice is given freely and we all share the achievements of any of our BR's successes. The Brother Rat spirit maintained by the class of '95 is one of the pillars upon which VMI built, and one which will continue to stand long after we have become alumni.

**by Mark Wysong and Scott Nevile**

**(top, right) You have your bad times.**

**(bottom, right) You have your good times.**

**Christopher D. Hoskins**
**T. E. Hoskins**
**John C. Howland**
**J. Hubbard**
**Marlin Ikenberry**
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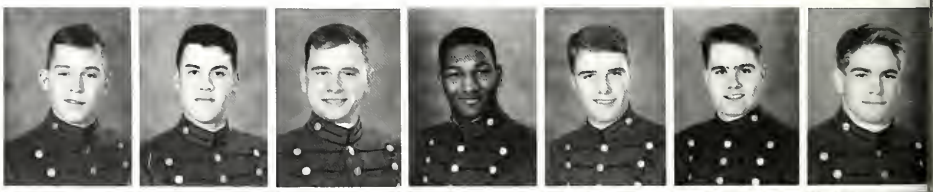
**Jeremy W. Ingram**



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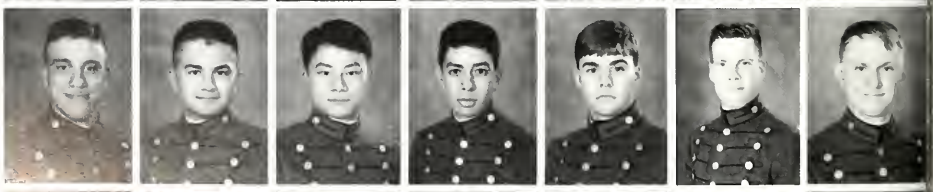
**Jonathan L. Jenkins**
**S. M. Jewell**
**Thomas K. Jobst**



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**Lester Johns[illegible]**
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**Will R. John[illegible]on**
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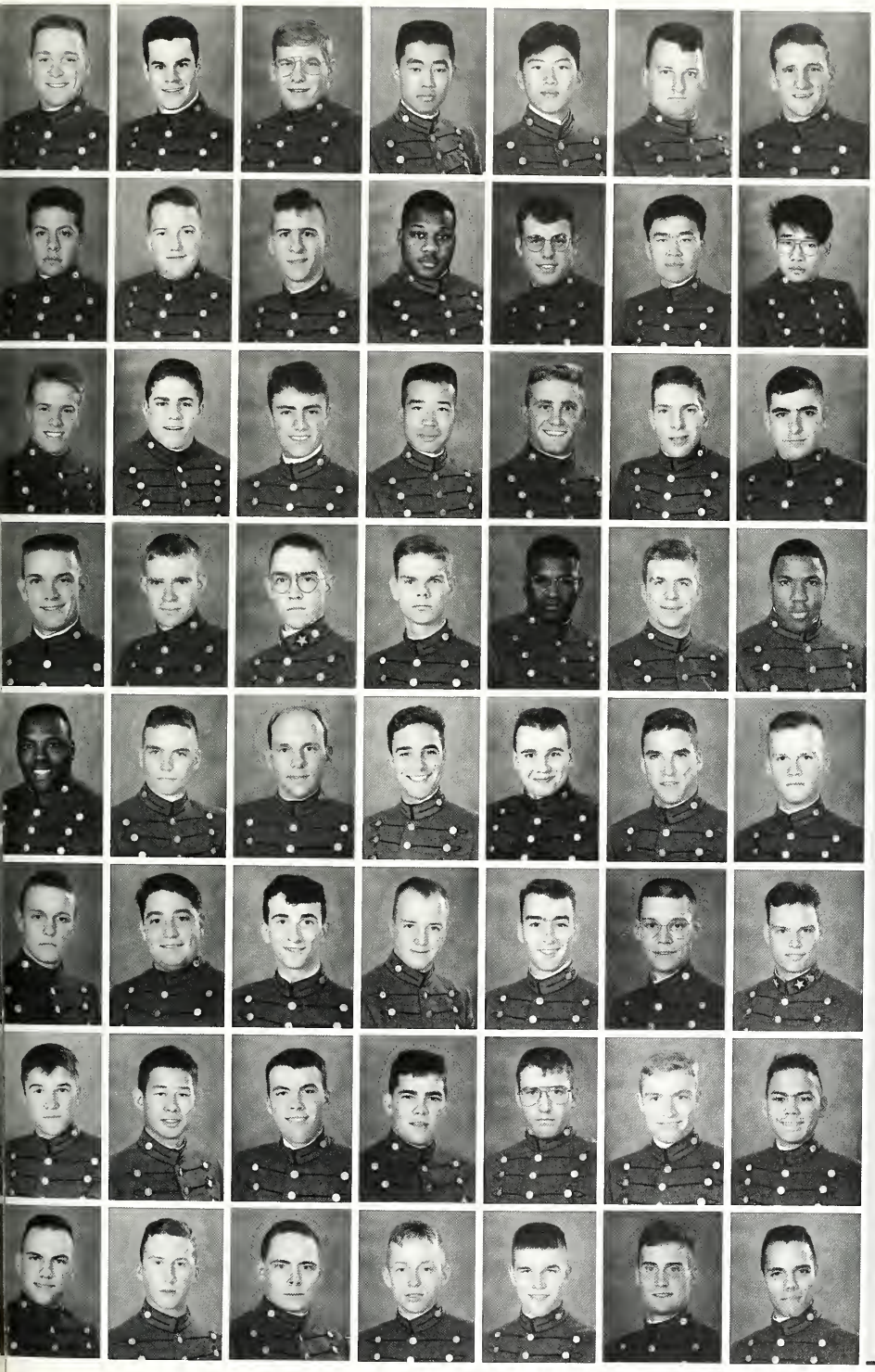
**J. W. Joyner**
**John H. Judy**



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Mark A. Lacy
Marcus A. Latimer
Mike R. Ledford
Doo-Pyo Lee
Sae Han Lee

Erik D. Loe
Jeff Lord
James A. Lowe
Ting-Long B. Lu
Shannon-Mikal Lucas
Dennis R. Lucente
Andrew K. Mack

Donald P. Maiden
Stuart C. Mallory
David C. Martin
Brett E. Matthews
Eric J. Mattocks
Adam M. Maurer
Jonathan Mayo

Bryant McMillian
Quincy Meade
Anthony Meador
Hector Migliaccu
Jerzy Mikulski
John Miller
Timothy Miller

David Mitchell
Sidney Mitchener
Patrick Monahan
Phillip Moore
Bradley Moses
Corey Murphy
Joseph Musso

Christopher Meyers
Ken Myers
Scott Neville
Chris Nowlan
Cameron O'Neil
Jason Painter
Leo Pambid

Michael Paruti
Jon Paxton
Michael Paxton
Luther Peeders
William Percival
Jason Pifer
Jose Pinilla

# HOPS
## (AND BARLEY)

During the course of the year, the Corps of Cadets is treated to a number of weekends specifically set aside for their enjoyment. On these weekends, the Hop and the parties afterward are the highlights. For many third classmen it is a time for them to enjoy an evening with their girlfriend. For men on confinement it is a means to escape for a few sacred hours. Afterwards, however, the night just begins to get under way. Parties can be found in every one of Lexington's hotels lasting into all hours of the night. The Hops themselves are enjoyable provided you get along with your date. If that fails, the band usually makes up for the lack of excitement. Should the band be no good, you can always look forward to having a few cold ones with your B.R.'s.

**by Mark Wysong**

**(above) Frankie Halton enjoys his hop date.**

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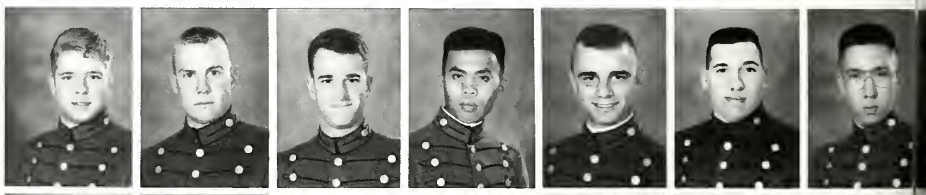
**Richard Pitchford**
**Kurt Polk**
**Pradermchai Ponlawan**
**Kevin Price**
**David Procise**
**Ralph Ragosta**



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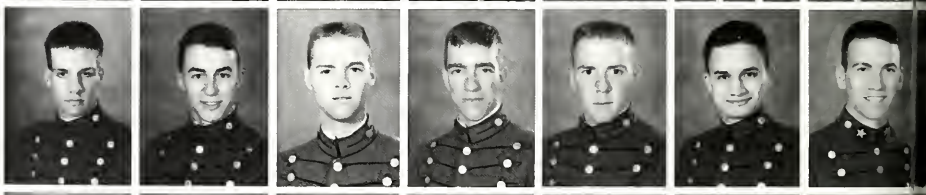

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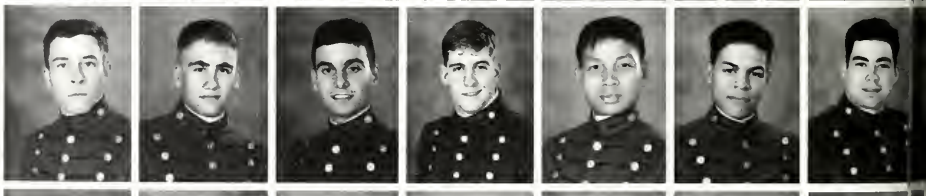

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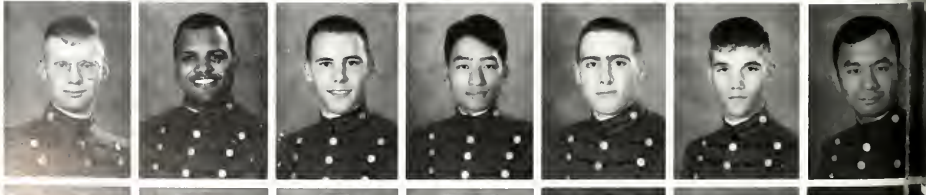

**Darren Southall**
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**Alan Stankovich**
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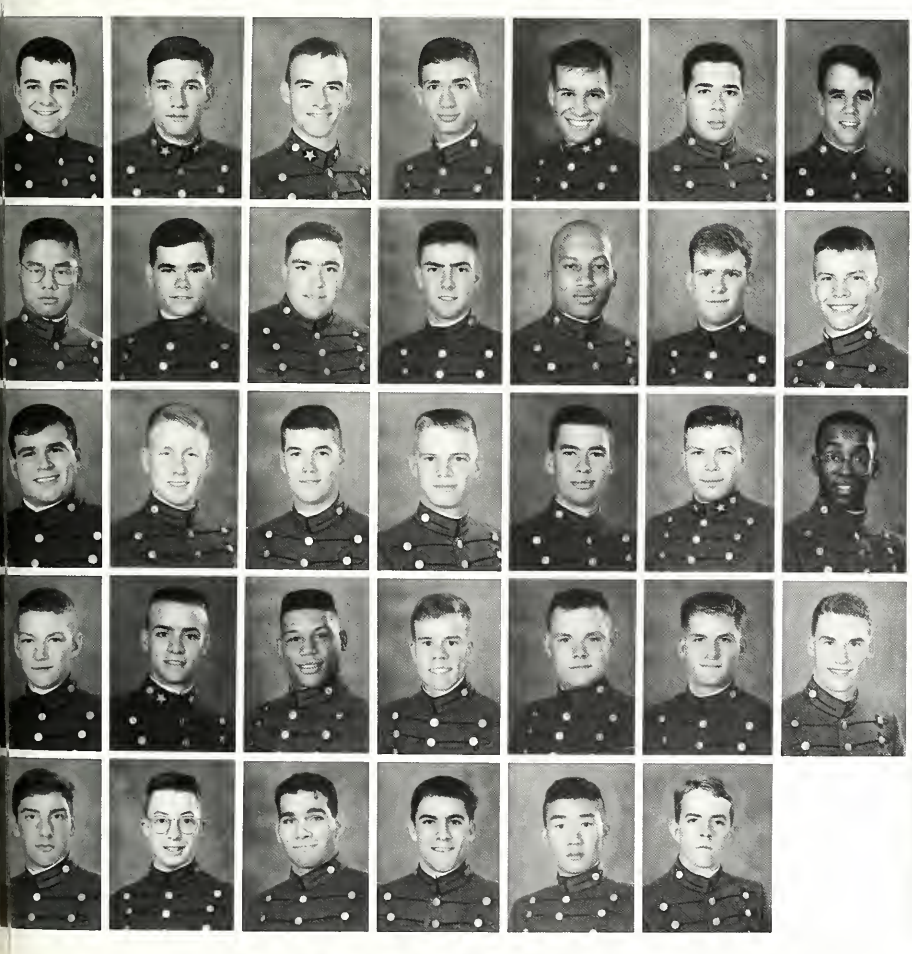
(left) Some of the best parties are with your BR's.

(above) Bob "Aw" Staley proves why he is 265 lbs. of sex appeal.



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David Tillar
Terrin Tucker
Brian Turnage
Flavius Tyson

Brian Ucciardi
William Ward
Andrew Warren
Curtis Webster
Frederick Werth
Samuel West
Damian Wilborne

Brian Williams
Daniel Williams
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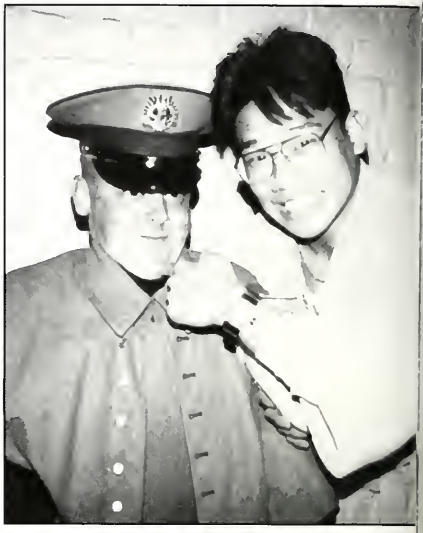

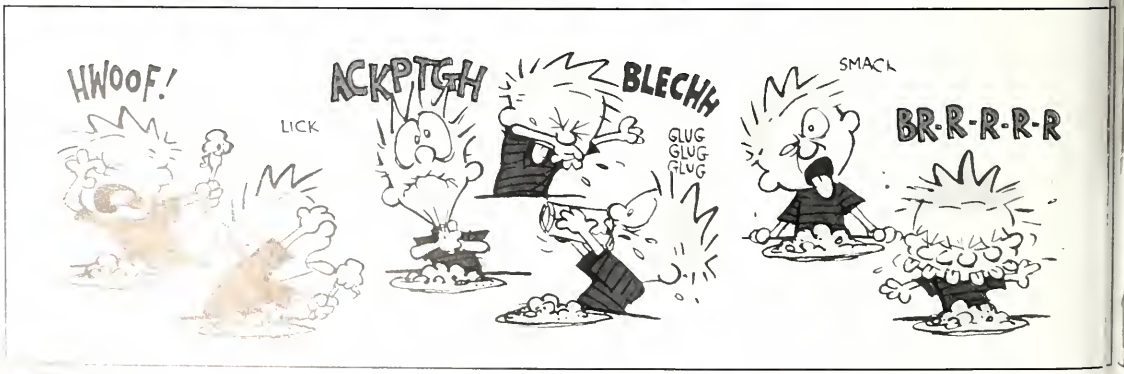

# IMMAGES OF THE CLASS AT ITS BEST!

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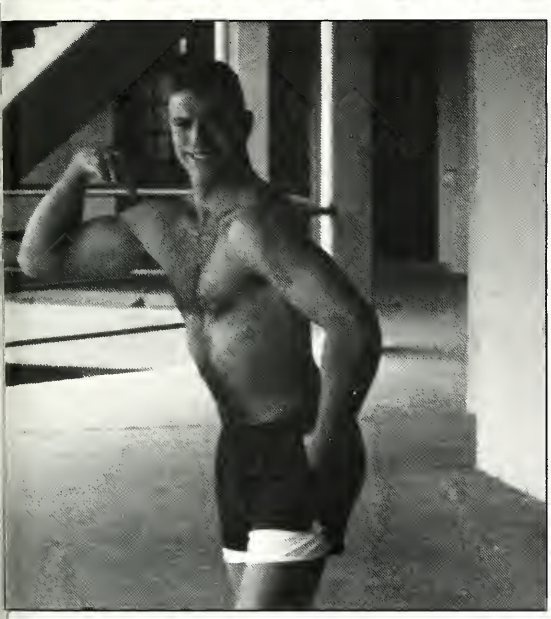

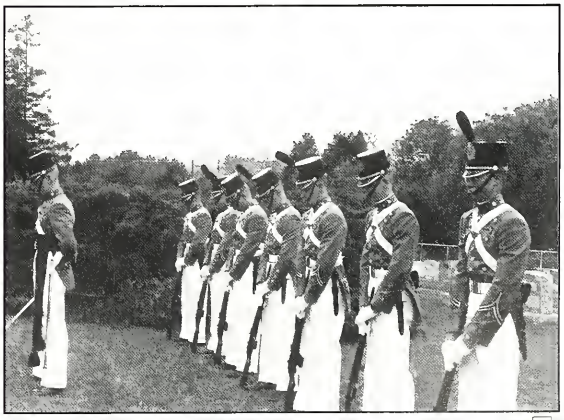

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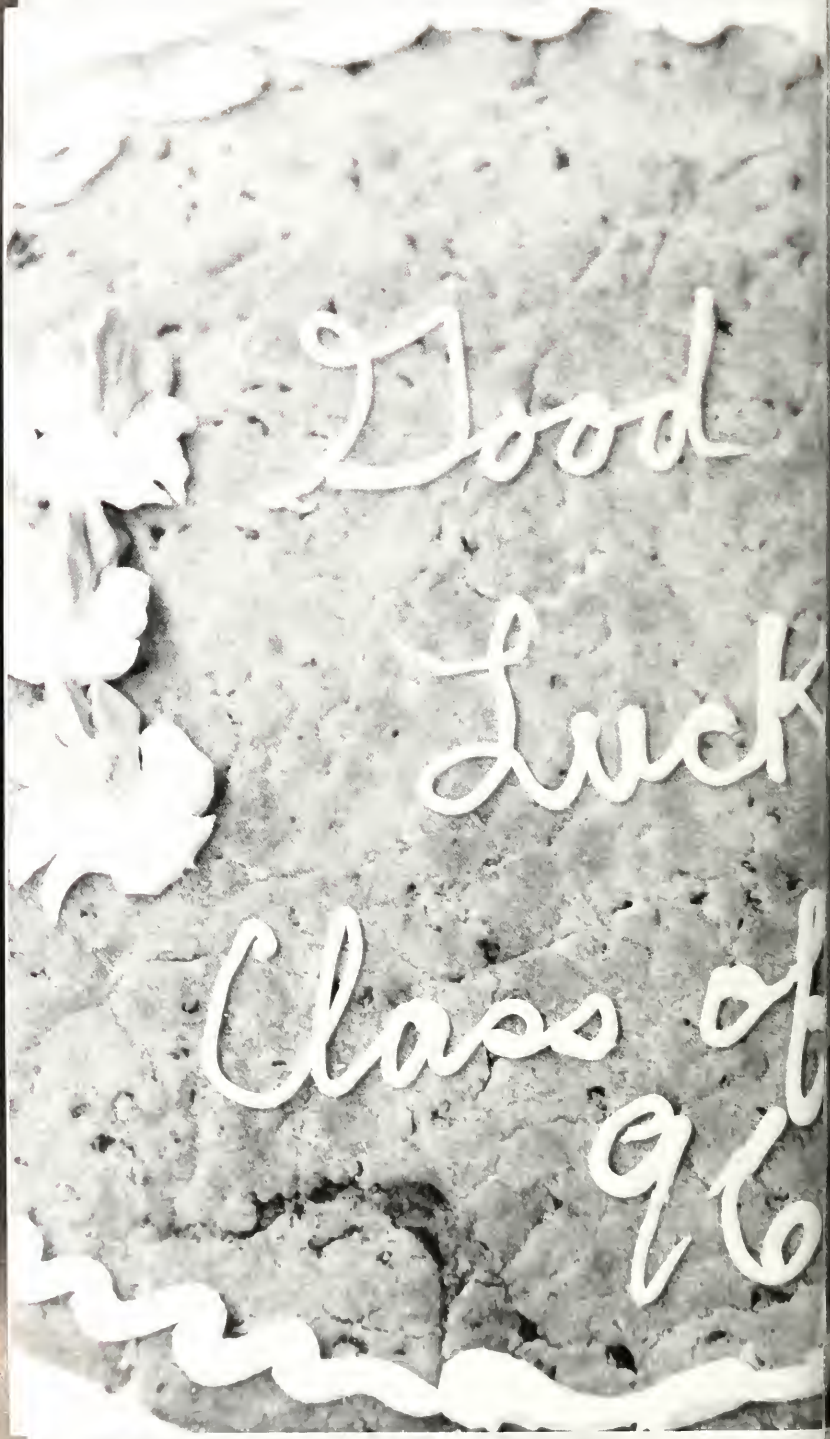


(above) Mark Foutz strains with all his mite while an upperclassman welcomes him to the Institute.

(below) The Lexington Fire Department drenches the hill as we fight for the final conquest...Breakout!

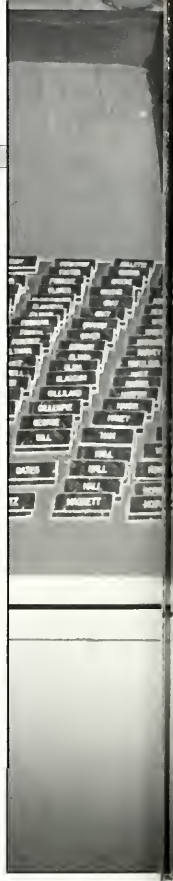
# FROM THE MASS OF 1993+3...

We came with our experiences. We came from our different backgrounds with nervous looks, upset parents, and stupid questions. We came because we were all searching for something. Our search began August 15th in JM Hall where the reality of our decisions started to unfold. Cadre Week was fast and furious. It was a time to test ourselves and face what we had feared since making our decision to choose what our First Captain called a "long and lonely path." Key words like Unity, Honor, and Sacrifice rang in our ears, stirring that sense of search in our minds we had many things to recite upon demand; the Code of a Gentleman, the Parapet, and especially the Honor Code and Honor Court. We drilled and we drilled, and then we drilled some more.

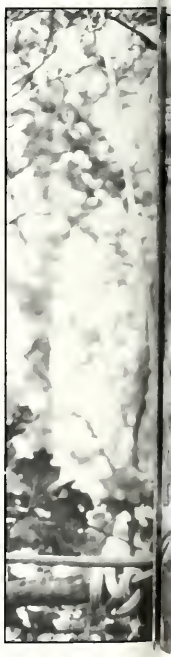
Back in JM Hall we were told to look to the left then look to the right. We stared at each other's bald heads and expressionless faces. Will this Brother Rat make it? Will that one? Will I? We watched as some left, and we watched as the others stayed. We watched our brother rats grow in strength and in confidence, but most especially in spirit. Then the unity began. "Always the same old spirit / And we'll triumph once again."

It began with roommates, then spread among our companies. The oppression of the rat line turned a gaggle of high school graduates into a class. A class that will eventually be the leaders of men. Now we can look to the left and to the right and see that the old fear and confusion has turned into courage and strength. No longer will we wonder who will make it. Instead we see a brotherhood that will endure not only over the next three years, but a long time after graduation. No matter what the future holds for us, we will face it as Brother Rats, and we will strive together in our search for Unity, Honor, and Sacrifice.

**by Charles Schnurman**



(below) Hell night... an upper classman motivates new matriculant Mike Wilburn to "put out" at his first sweat party.



(above) Rat Solovey recieves his Rat Bible. The Bullet and its contents are required rat reading.

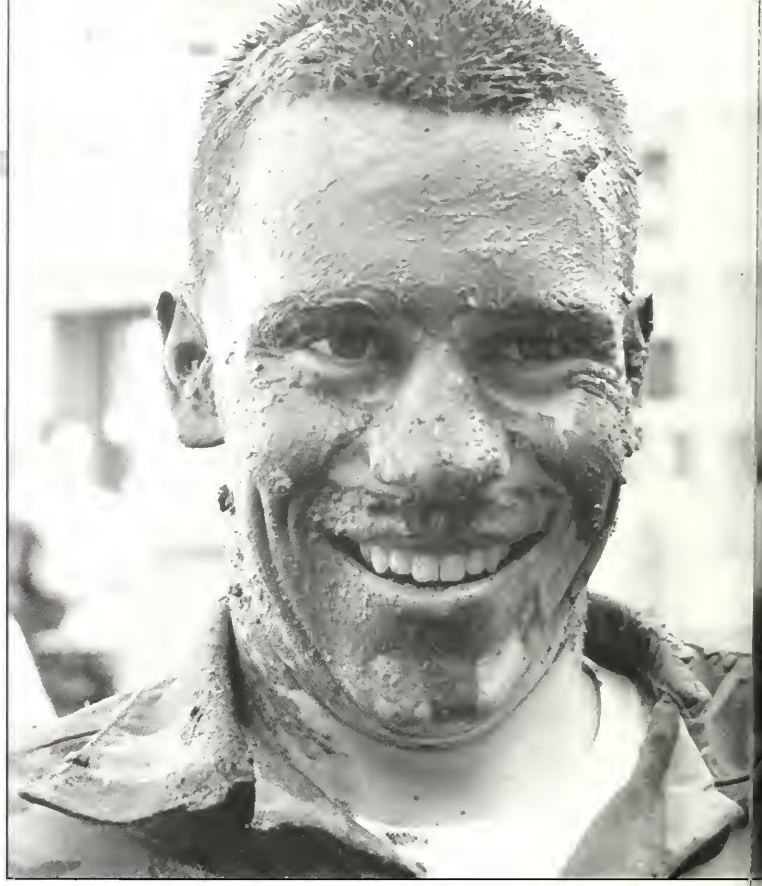
(left) Our beginnings lie in a stack of faceless name tags, over time we would begin to know who our Brother Rats were.

(below) Some of out Brother Rats celebrate after the infamous RDC raid.

(left) Brother Rat Glaccum awaits his journey across the rope-bridge during another day of grueling rat training.

(above) The transition from civilian to rat comes to a close as this new matriculant, after having just learned how to strain, gets ready to go through his hell night work out.

(right) A happy rat. He will soon lose the smile as he starts the induction process to becom a fourth classman.



(above) The hair-cut is just the beginning of the transition from civilian to rat.

(right) The Master Sergeant's constant dissatisfaction teaches the rat to be a perfectionist.

# ...TO THE CLASS OF 1996

Change. It's all about change. Change from boy to man. From leisure to discipline. From freedom to straining. From a life to a ratline.

It took a long time for the "Mass of 93+3" to become adjusted to the new lives which they were to lead after matriculating in August. After endless hours of being flamed, and countless numbers of push-ups, a new class was to evolve in barracks.

The evolution of the VMI man requires months of painstaking effort. The final step in this slow process of change, however, seems to happen overnight. And as the new Fourth Classmen moved towards ranks for BRC on the morning after Breakout, it was obvious that it did not take long to adjust to being a part of the Corps.

The Class of 1996 was born on March 1, 1993. On March 2, barracks suddenly changed. No more yelling, no more straining, and no more Ratline. Men had been made out of boys through a long and grueling six months. Barracks seemed to be relieved that it was all over, but those who lived on the fourth stoop felt the excitement of a new beginning. There were almost two and a half months left in the school year, and each day that passed put the ratline a little farther out of the minds of the new class.

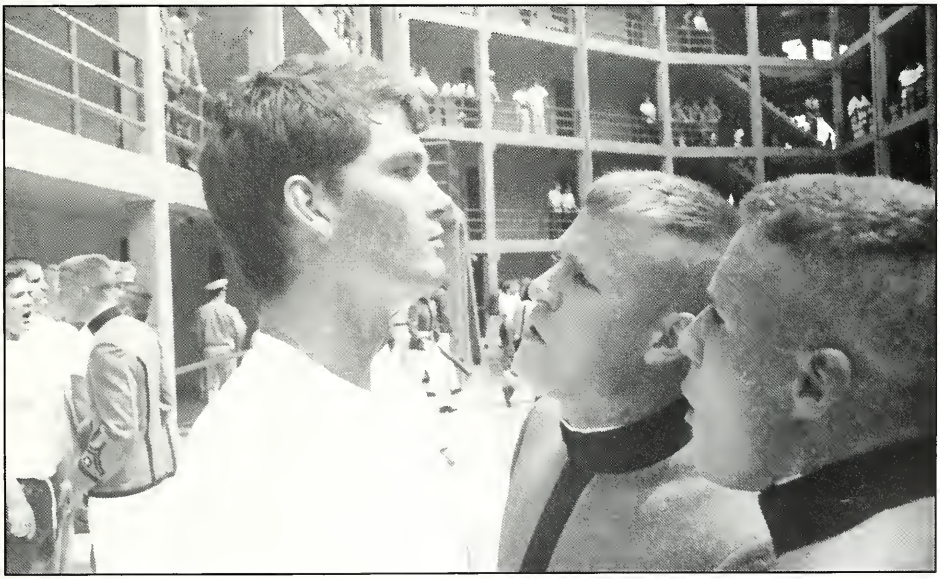
Breakout signaled the end of duties afforded only to rats. The honor of being the special guest at sweat parties was gone. The Rat Bible could be put away forever, as the knowledge it contained was stored in the heads of the new fourths. Most importantly, there was to be a certain respect for the new members of the Corps, where before there was none.

Much of the respect earned by the fourth class came after the election of its class officers. The new fourths now had a voice in the Corps. After Breakout, the restrictions of being a Rat were shed, but the new fourth class did not gain any privileges until, upon the request of the new class president, Lawson Fanney, the first class president gave the Class of 1996 the privilege to wear their robes. The new fourth class officers would then spend a great deal of time learning how to perform their new jobs.

There were, however, duties which still had to be done after the Ratline. One's dyke must not be forgotten. Waking them up for BRC, rolling up their hay, and getting them dyked-out for parade were still done out of respect for the first class. But overall, the life of the fourth classman became a life of independence compared to the ratline.

Although still confined by privileges and the rules of the Institute, the fourth class took full advantage of the new freedoms they found after Breakout. Throwing baseballs and footballs on the stoop, having a stereo in their rooms, wearing anything and everything on the stoops underneath a robe, and being able to speak and move freely (except in the mess hall) wherever they went became part of everyday life.

**by Chris M. Lowe**



**(above) The most significant lesson every rat gets is learning grace under pressure. This instruction begins almost immediately!**

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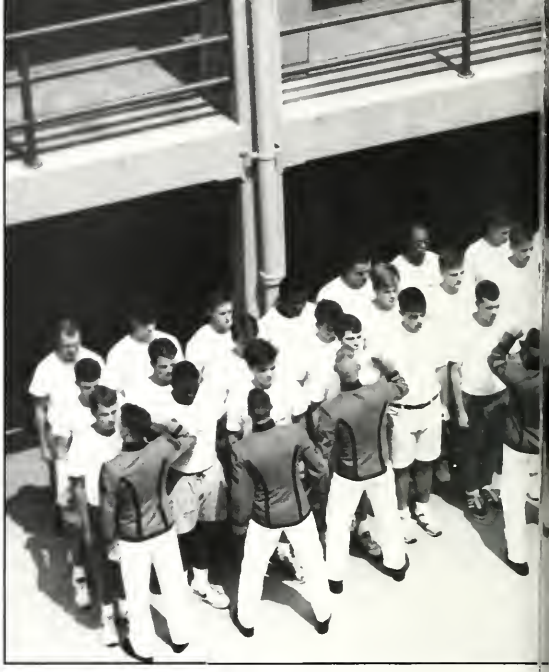

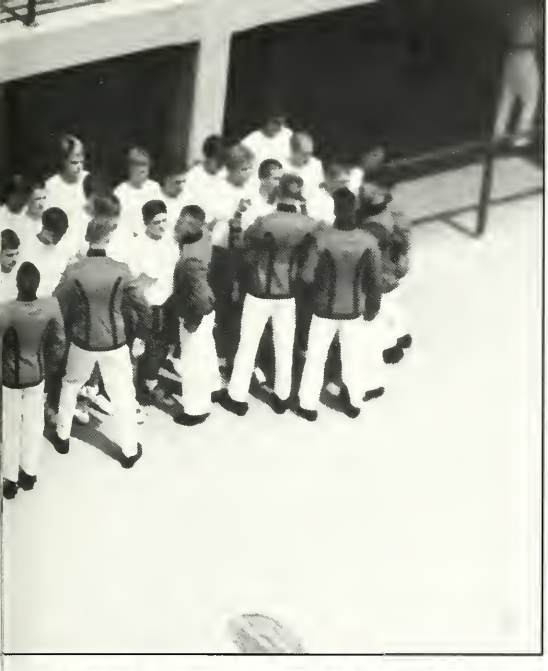

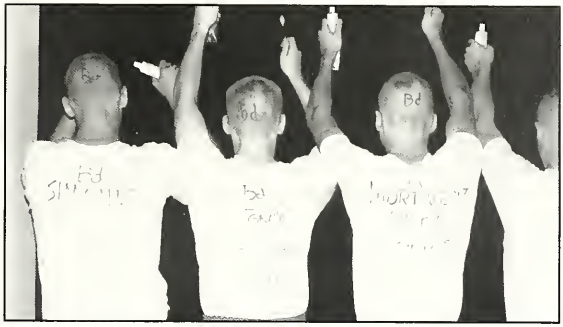

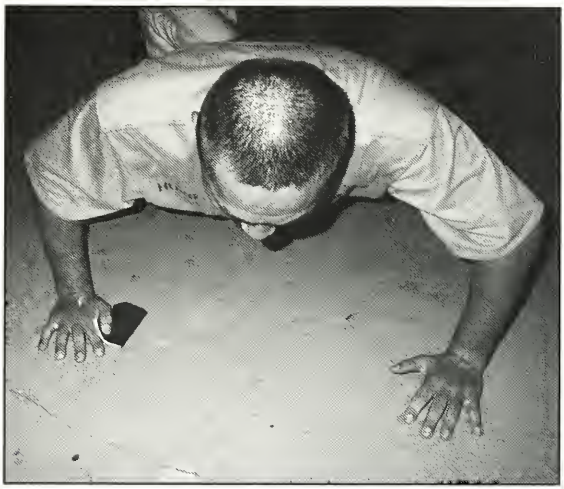

(right) Throwing the third's hays out was a greatly needed stress reliever. "Thirds eat----!!"

(above) The Corps at a Football game. Win or lose, we always cheer our team on until the last minute of the game. "Never say die" is a basic fundimental rats learn and practice early on in their cadetship.

(right) LTC Barron, patron saint of the fallen rat-tie.

John Adams
Vincent Adamson
Philip Alicea
Ryan Alston
Marlon Anderson
Holm AnKoma-Sey
Chris Antonelli

Michael Arendt
Andrew Armiger
Ethan Astor
Matthew Bahen
Andrew Baker
Gregory Bamford
Brian Barnes

Lawrence Barr
Douglas Bartlett
J. Bartosik
Kerry Bates
Nicholas Belesimo
David Belfiore
Thomas Bello

Todd Benz
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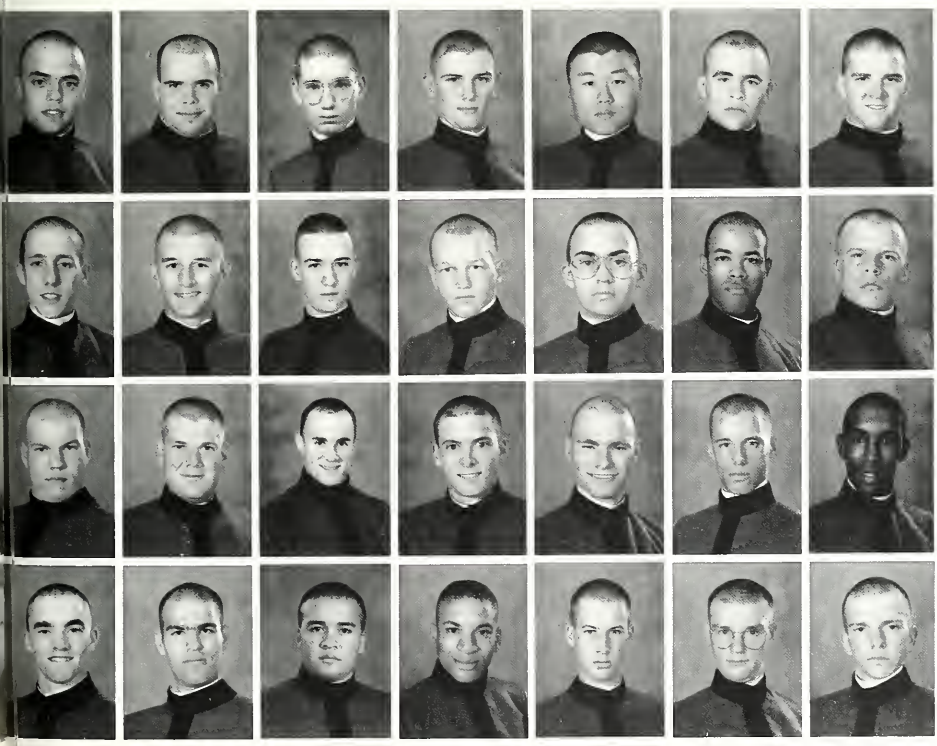
(below) A group of BR's pose for the camera as the rat-line draws to a close.



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Corrie Brice
Chris Brinkac

Timothy Brock
Joseph Brockman Jr.
John Buchanon II
Wyndham Buerlein
Michael Burchik Jr.
Gerald Burrus
Howard Byrd

Shawn Callahan
Jonas Callis
Michael Cammarasana
Cedric Canada
Mark Carter
Maxime Casteleyn
Michael Chadwell

# The Daily Grind

The day begins for every rat at about 6:30 a.m. If their class does not have to go through a sweat party, room cleaning is generally the first thing on their agenda. Fifteen minutes later, most of them can be found on the first stoop making sure their dykes (the first classman each rat is responsible for) are good to go for Breakfast Roll Call. When the roll call formation is over, the rats are marched down to the mess hall for a fairly unpleasant meal. Afterwards, the rats are marched back up to barracks where they are released to put some finishing touches on their rooms until the first classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

(above) This new matriculant can't wait to hit the books!

Just about every rat's academic schedule includes a combination of Chemistry, Calculus, English, and World History. For many rats, the greatest challenge while in these classes is staying awake. No, not all the teachers are boring! Many cadets just require a year or two to get use to having such a loaded daily schedule. When the morning classes have come to an end, most rats will try to sneak in and out of the mess hall for a quick lunch. Every once and a while, an RDC member will catch a rat-victim and make him the guest of honor for a half-hour or so. After lunch, its back to the classroom where many rats will spend the afternoon doing a lab or attending more classes.

Upon completing classes, the rats (as well as the rest of the corps) must go to military duty. The rat athletes will spend the afternoon practicing their respective sports. The others will attend a variety of activities depending on the day of the week. Military duty for the non-athlete rat might include parade, parade practice, rat training (basic military training), penalty or rat tours, or just free time.

When miliary duty has come to a close, the rats attend Supper Ro Call with the rest of the corps. When accountability has been taken agai the rats are marched down to supper. After another unpleasant meal t rats are taken back up to barracks for company room. Th can range from a number of activities. Most of the tim company room is instructional. The rats corporals usuall go over rifle manual, cleaning, or marching precisio Sometimes, however, company room is disciplinary. Whe the cadre has "had it" with the rats, they let the rats kno it during company room.

As the day comes to a close, the rats are release to spend the evening studying. At 11:00 p.m. taps is playe through barracks and the rats finally get to rest (unless the are still studying) after a very busy day. When they wak the entire routine will begin yet another cycle.

One would think that such a busy day would easi keep a rat's mind occupied. To an extent it does, but two months of th can begin to take its toll on one's patience. Rats quickly become bored wi being constantly busy. After six months of this routine the rats are qui justifiably going crazy. When the ratline comes to an end this daily schedu pretty much stays the same. However the pressure is much less when ra do not have to worry about the mess hall or company room. It has be said that the worst part of the ratline is the psychological pressure each r must face. The monotony associated with the daily grind for every rat tru is one of the chief causes for this pressure.

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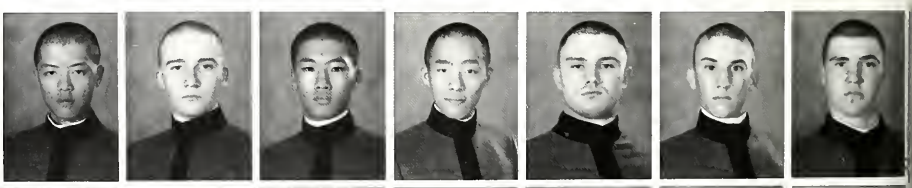

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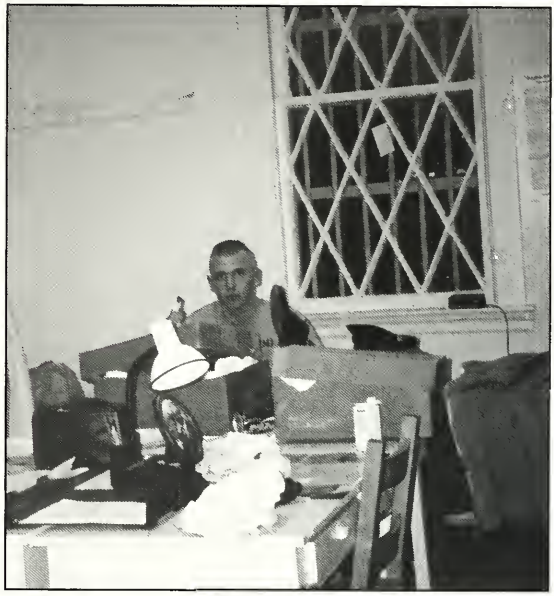
**Robert Deeds**
**Michael Deegan**
**Paul Dickinson Jr.**
**John Di Dio**
**Michael Diehl**

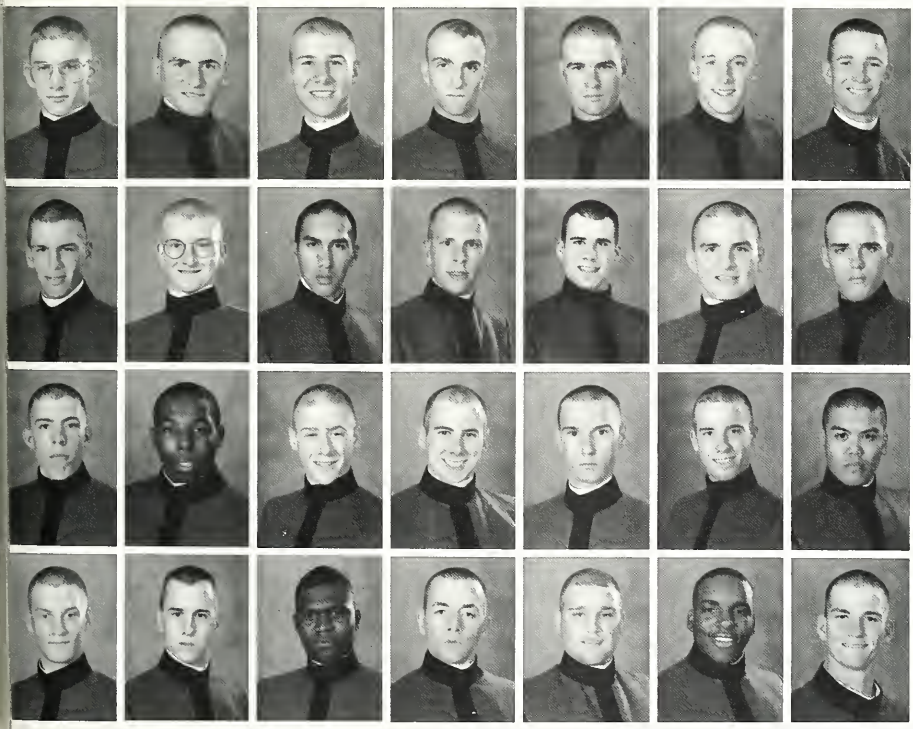
**Steven DiLibe to**
**Frank Dingle**
**Jason Dobe**
**Sean Donoh**
**Joseph DuBos**
**Darrell Dudley**
**B. J. Dunn**

(left, above) Straining at SRC formation (an inclement weather formation in this case). This is just one of hundreds these rats will attend this year.

(left, below) Rats go through the VMI obstacle course during military duty.

(below) John McElroy enjoys a peaceful evening shining his ever-so-comfortable low quarters.





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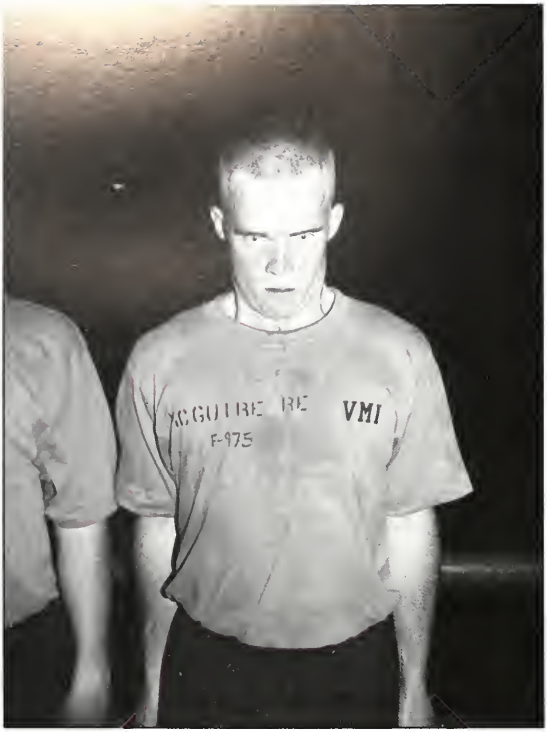

(left) Rusty McGuire demonstrates the proper execution of the "strain."

(above) Will this hell ever end Brother Rats work out durin another tiresome RDC meeting

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Christopher Gorman
Brandon Gover
Kyle Graham

Anthony Gray
Jonathan Gray
Gary Greene
J. D. Greene
John Grey
Douglas Hall
Needham Hall II

Andrew Haney
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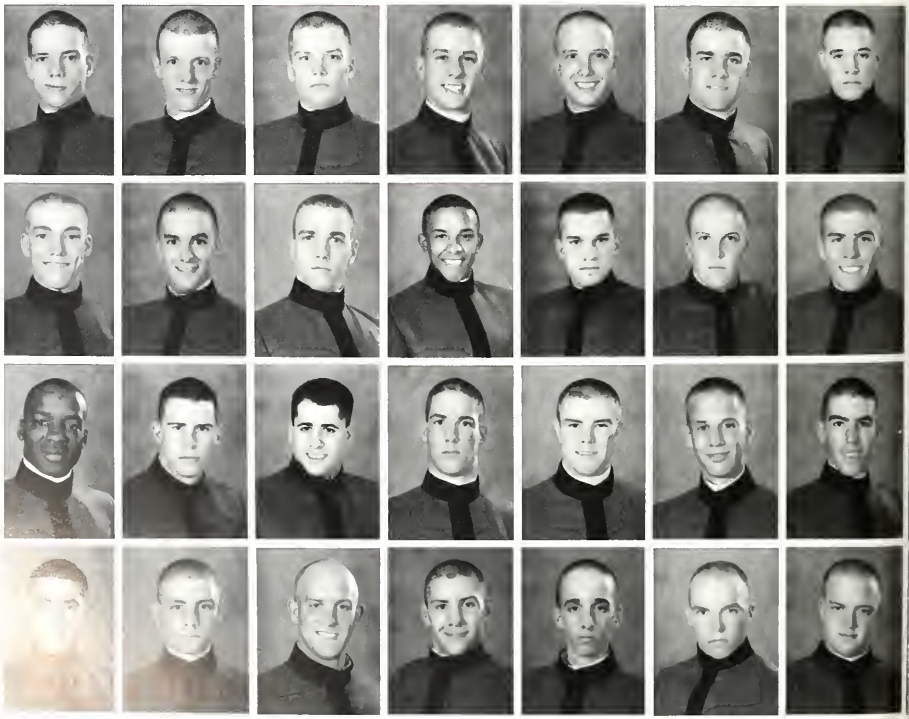
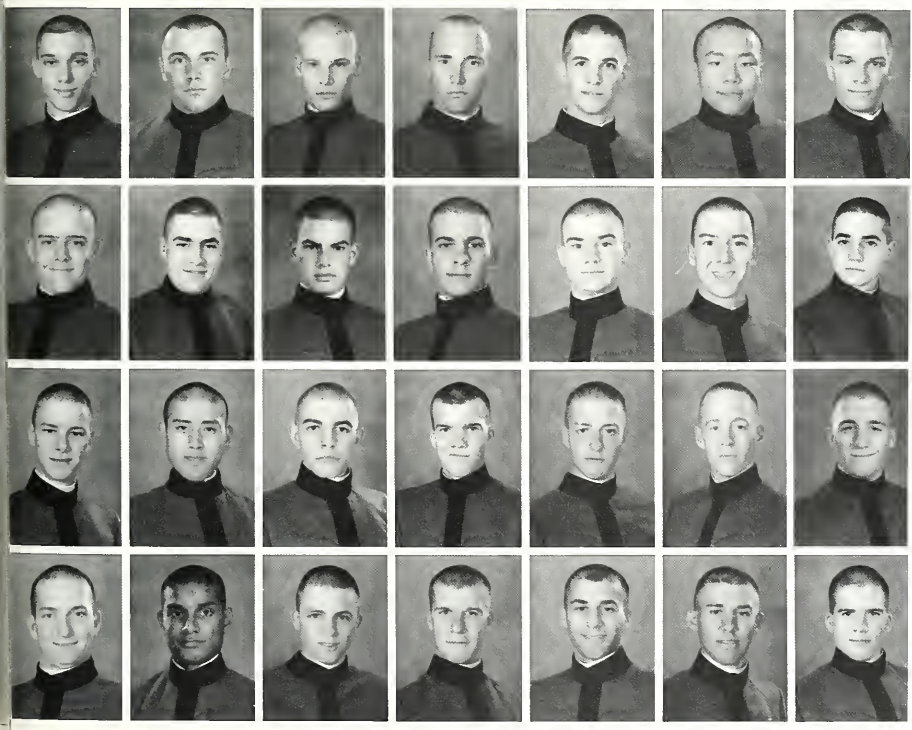


(left) Brother Rat Tingely marches his post as the first Rat sintinel.

(above) A few push-ups after parade served as a nice warm up for the sweat parties or stoop-runs that followed.



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William Kaushagen
Chris Kavanaugh
Joshua Keesal
William Keller

Matthew Kessler
David Khan
Darren Kirby
William Kirby
John Kokolis
Peter Kokolis
Richard Kozak

# Dykly Duties

After Cadre week, all the new rats are introduced to their dykes. In doing so, the rat is inducted into one of the longest standing traditions at VMI. This induction establishes yet another set of rules to govern the rat's already hectic life. Laundry service, hay rolling, and room cleaning are merely the tip of the iceberg. Along with these three fundamentals come jobs like shining his dyke's brass, polishing his shoes, and "dyking" him out for parades.

In return for these generous services, the rat's first classman acts as his father, brother, and mentor, extending advice and encouraging his rat to just "hang in there!" The first also eats lunch with his dyke; this gives the rat a break from the horrors of the mess hall. A lot of the time, the first will let the rat out of the rat line while the rat is in his presence. Retrieving the rat's mail is also another role for the first. In most cases, he will require the rat to do a certain number of push-ups for each item received. Besides providing the rat's mail, this also gives the rat some incentive to do some greatly needed exercise!

If, for some reason, the rat should perform unsatisfactorily, he is sent to what is known as Dyke school. In this greatly feared institution, the rat is sent to one of the first classman's friends (typically one notorious for striking th fear of God into young, innocent rats). While in dyk school, the rats, while under a great deal of pressure, r learn the basics of being a good dyke. Though dyke schoo have been out-lawed at VMI for some time, the practic does still exist. However, very few rats manage to negle their dykes to the point where the first finds such a drasti measure necessary.

For the most part, the relationship between a rat an his dyke is extremely positive. In many cases, the relatio ships do not end at graduation. Many cadets receive visi throughout their entire cadetship from the first classma they took care of as rats. It is not unusual to see a your alumnus at graduation visiting his dyke and joining h dyke's family for the celebrations. Sometimes the rat ar the first become and remain best friends for life. Some hav even been known to rob armored bank-trucks together! general, the dyke system is a special part of VMI, and for mo of us, a special part of our lives. The dykly duties may see servile to the outsider, but to almost every rat, his duties are t least he can do to show his gratitude to his friend and mento

**Keith Kruelski**
**N. Kuljanylaviva**
**K. J. Lackey**
**Jung-Chun Lai**
**Dat Lam**
**Thomas Lane**
**Jefferson Lantz**

**Jason Lanz**
**Nickloas Latsios**
**David Lawson**
**Pete Lee**
**Seung Lee**
**William Leonard**
**Joshua Lewis**

**Brien Lohrmann**
**Carl Lowe**
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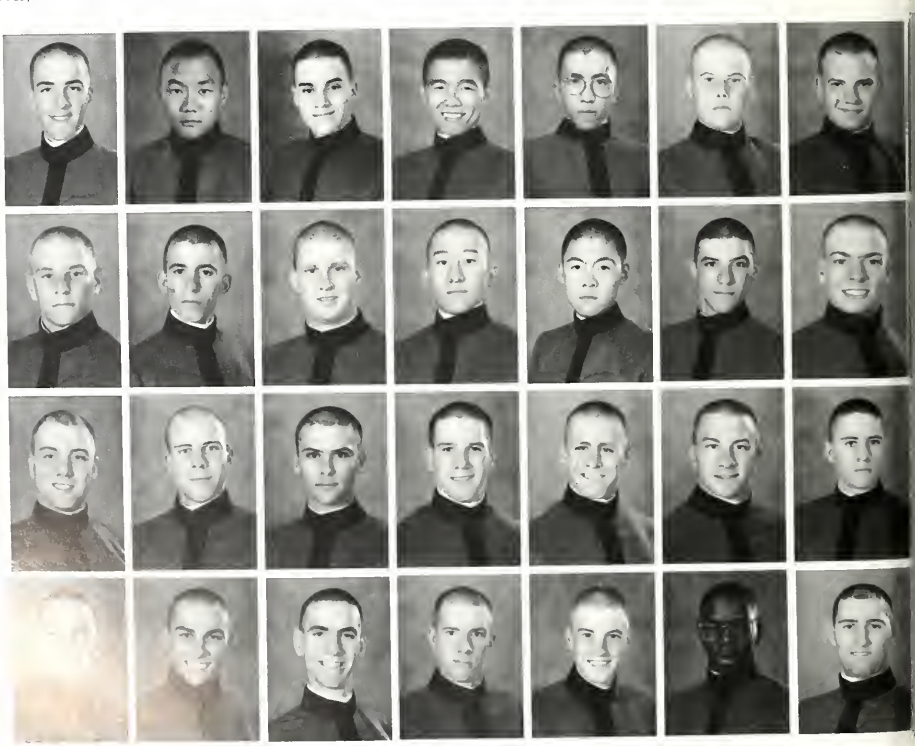
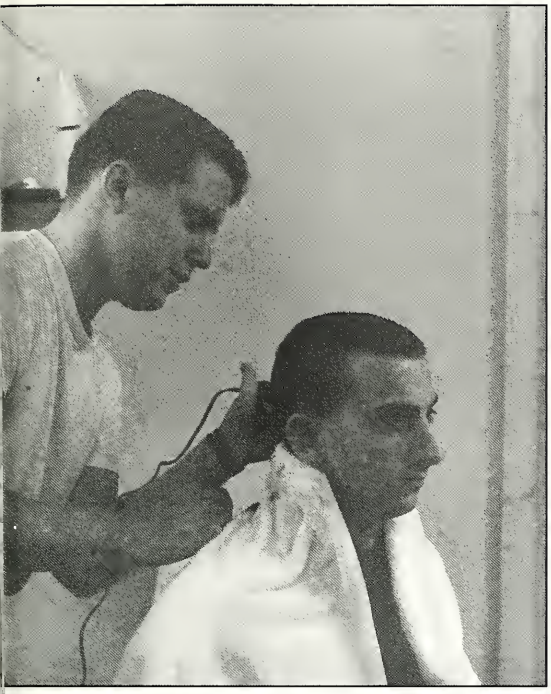
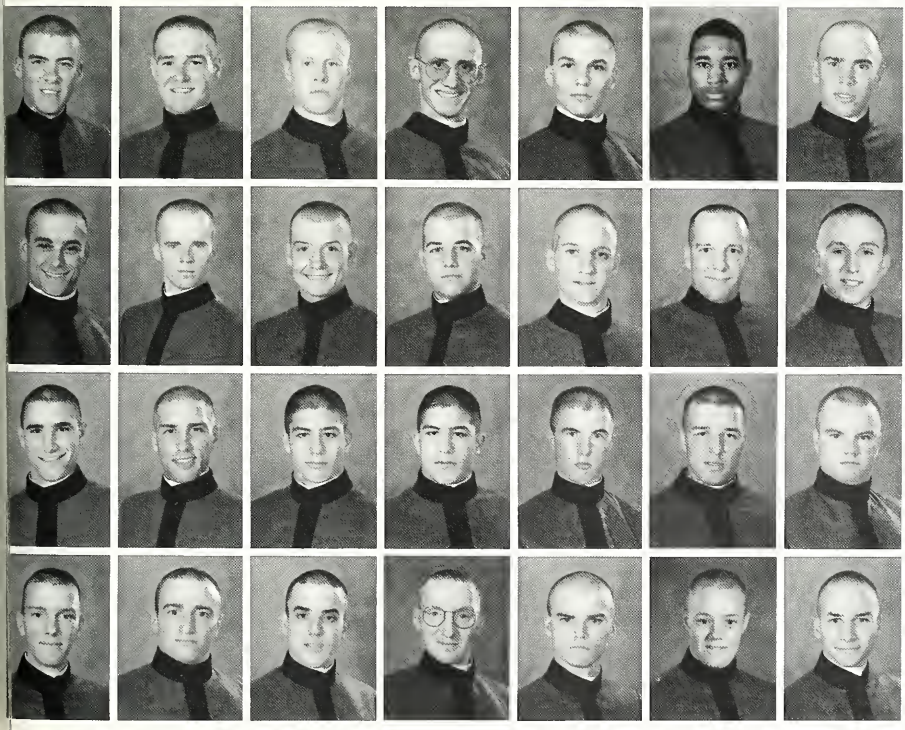




(left) Spending a lot of time in your dykes room can sometimes backfire. Mr. VanDenn shaves his rat's head before breakout.

(below) Bryon Womack learns the hard way - don't blow off your dyke.

ht) Sweat parties are always a great bonding time for dykes. These rats try to make their es proud.



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Kenneth McCoy
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John McElroy

Michael Mcfadden
Russell McGuire
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Trent McMillan
Sean McMurry
Kenneth Mears
Kristen Meier

Andrew Mezzadri
Erik Michalski
Joseph A. Mickiewicz
Ronald A. Mickiewicz
John Miller
Barron Mills
John Mills

Brian Mitchell
Matthew Modarelli
Russell Moore
Barrett Morris
Phillip Morris
John Morrison
Steven Mortvedt

(above, top) Some of our B.R.'s "chill out" on the fourth stoop before meeting their cadre.

(above, bottom) A Brother Rat on his way to an RDC meeting gets a hard time from a third. Thirds are cool.

Jeffrey Mozgala
Christopher Mulligan
Louie Napoleon
Antonio Napolitano
Gary Netzer
Mattew Nichols
Christopher Noe

Samuel Nolan
Michael Obaldal
Ryan O'Connor
David Office
Jonathan Ogburn
Michael Ohleger
Joshua Olson

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Richard Orr
Christopher Otero
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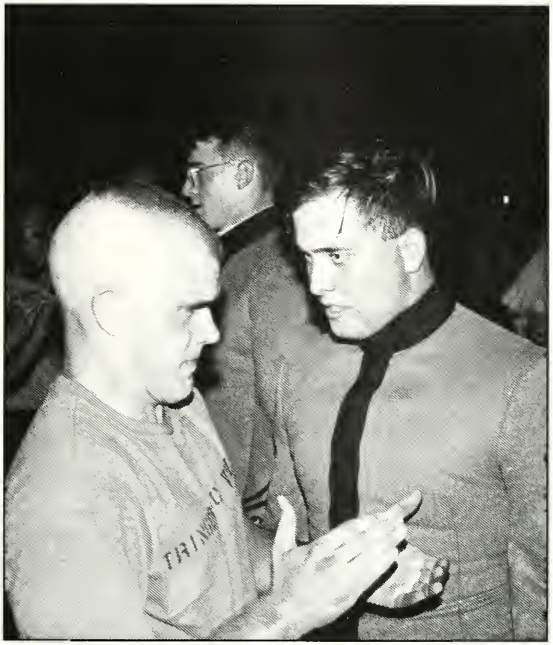
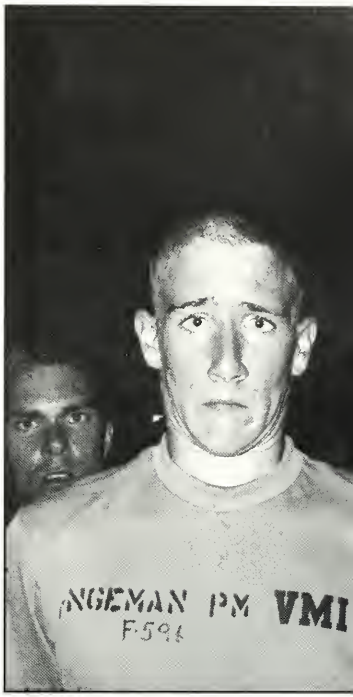
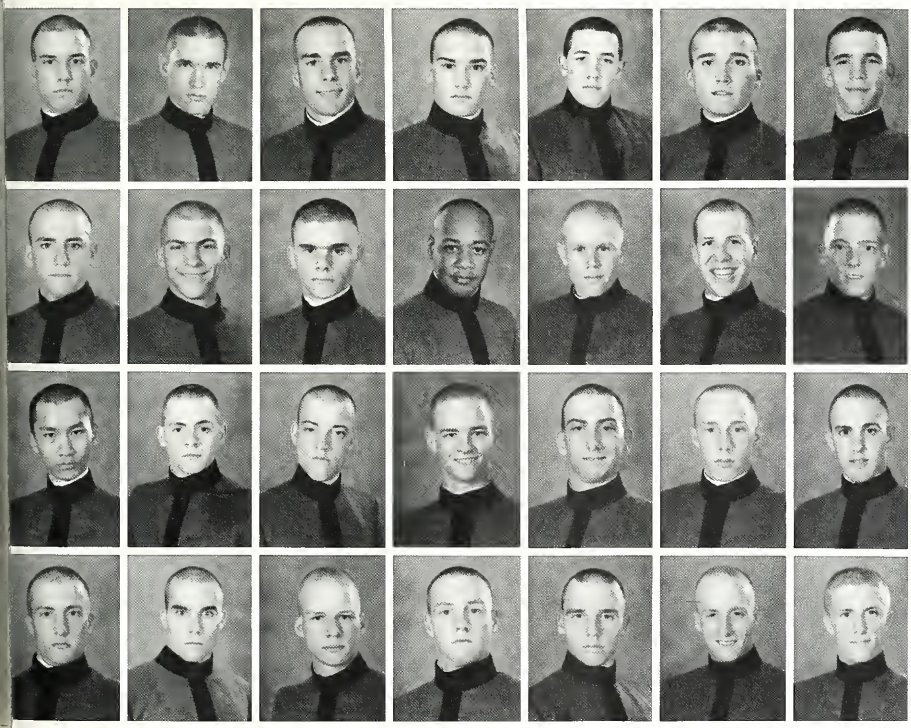


(left) Many of our Brother Rats spent the afternoon before breakout warming up for the event.

(above) Mr. Wright gets ready to work out our Brother Rat Tinguely during the Hell Night sweat party.

(below) Brother Rat Bingeman appears a little uncomfortable about matriculating.



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Michael Reed
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Dallas Richards

James Richardson
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Franklin Roberts
James Robinson

Jason Ross
Peter Rowe
Wiwar Ruengmee
Douglas Russell
Thomas Ryan
Joseph SanTapsieri
Charles Schurman

Joe Schrimsher
Hunter Serl
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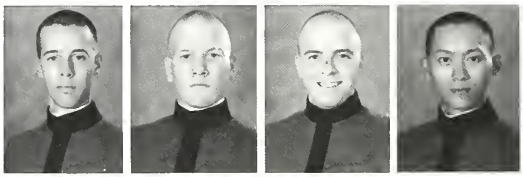

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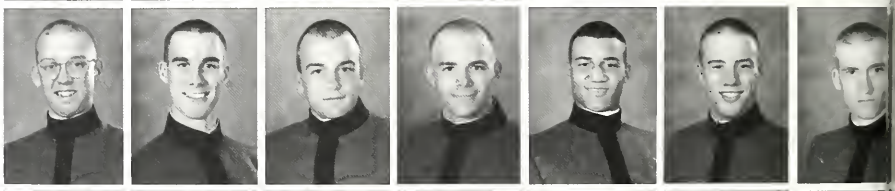

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William Stearman
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Ryan Strimple
George Stringer
John Stutts

Robert Swaba
Sterling Sweeney
James Tabb
Steven Taylor
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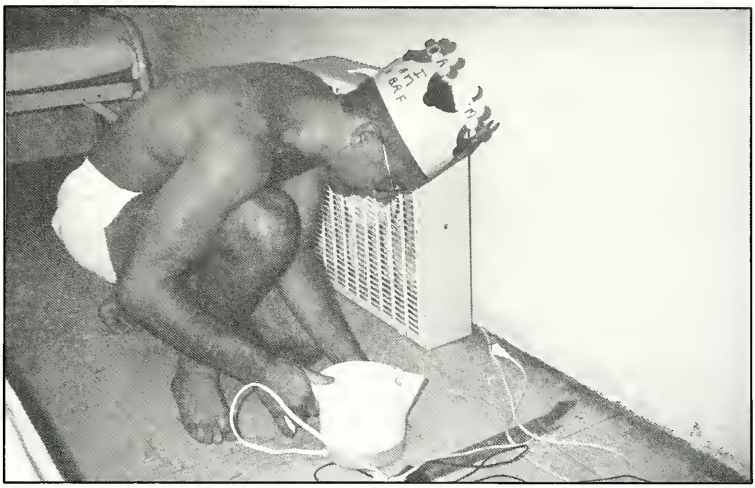
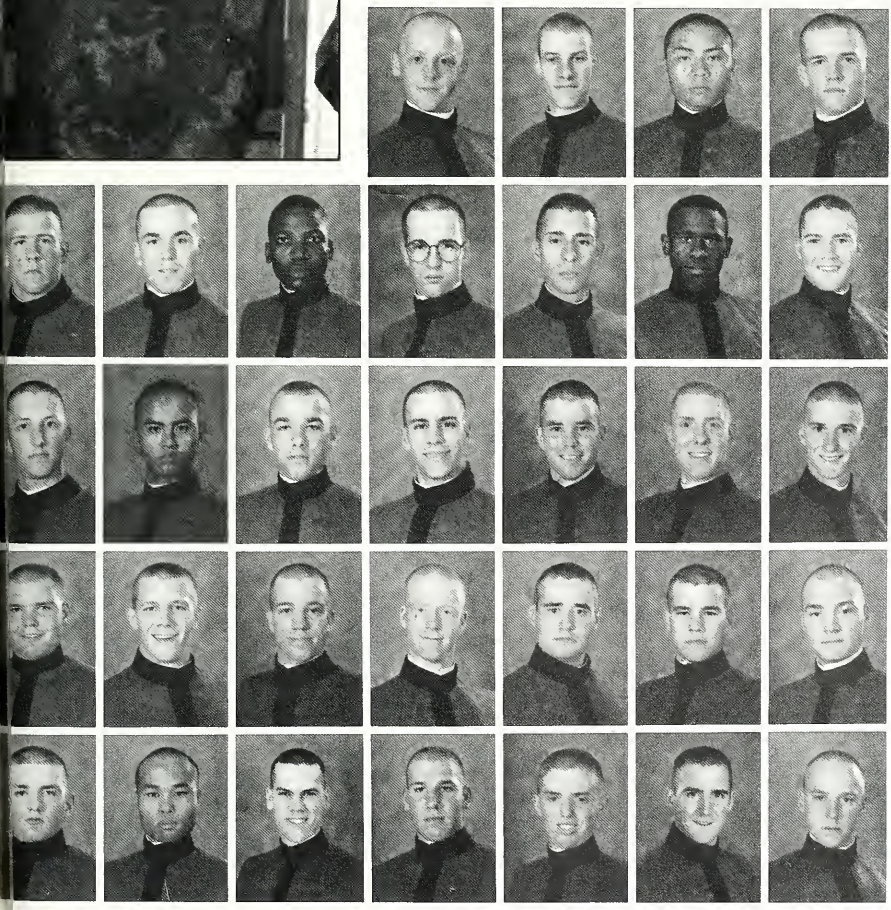
(left) Some of our B.R.s from Charlie company chill out on the fifth stoop before going to an RDC meeting.

(below) As rats we figured out early on how to get over on the system. Cooking utensils were the most popular confiscatable item.





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Mark Townsend
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Marc Trider

Michael Tutor
Matt Tyrell
Benjamin Venning
Marc Ventura
Elias Wahesh
D. W. Wallace
Michael Waltz

Thomas Wampler
Shian Wann
James Warf
Christopher Watson
CliffordWeddington
Geoffrey Weidner
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Edward Werntz
Michael Wilbourn
Vernon Wilkens
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Jamie Yoxtheimer
Paul Zackrison
James Zepko
Christopher
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# CLUBS

## MARKING TIME

(above) Senior members of the VMI Ranger Platoon discuss plans for their afternoon of training.

(below) The rugby team prepares early for their season. Though only considered a club, rugby is probably the roughest sport at VMI.

# American Chemical Society

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The American Chemical Society is a club for those cadets who are intrested in the chemical sciences. Origionially designed for chemistry majors, the club is now open to all cadets.

The ACS brings in lecturers speaking on topics such as forensics, environmental toxins, waste disposal, and tachniques in archeological dating. These lectures, numbering two or three semester, are disigned to inform and enlighten cadets on fields in and out of the lab.

Cadets have the opportunity to join the National ACS. This enables them to attend meetings at local colleges and universities. National meetings are held in certain areas of chemistry, to provide more opportunities to students, teachers, and professionals alike. Members also recieve newsletters informing them on what's new and on graduate opportunites after VMI.

-Jim Delk
President, ACS

# Am. Soc. of Civil Engineers

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The VMI Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers promotes professionalism and provides transition from cadet to engineer. Our student chapter is composed of all first class and second semester second class Civil Engineering majors. We meet once a week to either hear speakers in the engineering community or take field trips to related organizations.

The ASCE hosts and participates in a number of events. Each year we attend the regional meeting which promotes leadership and creativity. Locally, we are involved in several community projects, including homeless shelter reconstruction.

Good luck to the concrete canoe team, the first one we have had in about seven years. I would like to thank all those cadets who have participated actively in ASCE this year and wish all my Brother-Rats the very best luck!

-Tucker M. Worsham
ASCE President

# Am. Soc. of Mech. Engineers

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VMI's chapter of the Society of Mechanical Engineers is a student affiliate of the organization. ASME helps cadets make the transition from student to engineer by providing the opportunity to meet and become involved with professional engineers. Each spring, a Regional Student Conference is held with twelve other universities. This conference showcases student projects with presentations, technical posters, and many design contests. ASME also makes thousands of dollars in scholarships and educational assistance available to its members each year.

VMI ASME is now making its presence known by handling allotment of study spaces for ME's and providing a continuous supply of late night study snacks. It is because of the ME Faculty, my staff, and all the members that this is possible. For this I express every gratitude and wish them all well for the future.

-Mike Zamalis
ASME President

# Arnold Air Society

The Arnold Air Society is a private, professional, honorary service organization of Air Force cadets. Its objectives are to aid in the development of Air Force officers, and to support aerospace power and its role in national security.

VMI's Arnold Air Society squadron is named in honor of USAF Major Jefferson Scott Dodson, VMI Class of 1966. Major Dodson's aircraft was lost over Vietnam in August of 1969. Among his decorations are the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and eleven Air Medals.

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# Assoc. of the U. S. Army

The Association of the U.S. Army(AUSA) is a non-profit organization devoted to the advancement of the military arts and sciences, and to representing the interests of the U.S. Army and the members of the Army community. In addition to providing credit, insurance, and other benifits to its members, AUSA undertakes many projects to improve the quality of life for members of the Army family. It is the only organization which lobbies in support of Army interests in Congress. For VMI cadets, this means that AUSA is lobbying to increase the monthly stipend from $100 to $200 a month.

The George C. Marshall Company, VMI's own chapter of AUSA, makes a yearly visit to the annual AUSA National Meeting in Washington D.C., which is a trip enjoyed by all who attend. This year, the AUSA also conducted a trip in the spring to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland to observe foreign weapon and vehicle demonstrations by the U.S. Army ordinace and military intellegence personnel.

-Eric Avila
AUSA President

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# Baptist Student Union

The Lexington Area Babtist Student Union is a Christian organization of students from VMI, W&L, and Southern Sem. It's emphasis is on ministry to the students and community through mission projects, social events, and weekly meetings. At any given time, students can be found in the BSU student center on W. Nelson street, socializing, sharing a pizza, or watching Star Trek. Weekly meetings are held Monday evenings throughout the school year and are directed by the students and Campus Minister, Warren Hammond.

Edward C. Cox
Pres., BSU

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## Big Brothers

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The Big Brother Program of VMI is a volunteer service organization. It provides a group of young people in the Lexington community with friends and role models. Every Monday through Thursday cadets meet with the children of the Rockbridge Area Recreational Organization during Military Duty. Sports and rectreational activities are the focus of this time. On Fridays, when VMI has a parade scheduled, the young people are invited to come to Post, view the parade, eat in Lejune Hall and see other areas of interest.

The Big Brother Program this year was organized by Joe Kennebeck and John Rider, and the club's total membership was around twenty cadets. The group as a whole was made up of First and Second classmen, and participation does not exclude members from other activies such as atheletics or other clubs. We would like to thank Ms. Tammy Merchant for all of her patience and help. Give something of yourself to others.

## Bomb Staff

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The Bomb staff is given the responsibility of producing the Institute's aunual. For the most part, we work during our own free time. With increasing demands and limitations from the administration, the production of the book has become more and more challenging over the years. Officially, the staff has around fourty members. Realistically, we have only about ten; three of whom have put together the vast majority of the publication. Fortunately, those who are dedicated enough to put up with being a member of one of the most thankless cadet organizations are typically some of the hardest working, most driven people one can find in barracks. The Managing Editor, John Craft, and I would like to thank all these people. Without the Section Editors, the book would have never been printed. Each of you took on a Herculean labor, and did more than we could have ever asked. Thank you all so much!!

- L. Marc Girling
Editor-in-Chief

## *Cadet* Staff

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The VMI Cadet is a weekly newspaper that is written, edited, and published by an all-cadet staff. Our newspaper contains five sections that profile every aspect of cadet life. Sections entitled News and Features, Editor's Page, Keydet Sports, Cadet Forum, and Humor inform and entertain the Corps, parents, faculty, administration, and tactical staff every week.

This year The VMI Cadet experienced one of the most successful and influential years it has ever had. Building upon the reorganization and dedicated work ethic that was established the year before, this year's newspaper has been a genuine and positive outlet for the VMI community. Through the Editor's Page, cadets, faculty, and parents expressed their views on issues that concerned the whole of VMI.

Matt Williams - EIC
Mike Gorman - Bus. Manager
Nick Berezoski - Asst. Editor
John Harper - News Editor
Van Hardenbergh Editorialist
Rob Ritchie - Editorialist
Sandy Crone - Sports Editor.
Rusty Smith - Cdt. Forum Editor
Andrew Joyner - Humor Editor.

# Cadet Battery

The oldest existing organization on post besides the Corp itself, the Cadet Battery has once again provided the Institute with a year of flawless performances with Little John II and at special parades requiring cannon salutes, as well as giving cadets a hands-on approach to learning artillery skills and tactics. During the second semester of each year, the Battery welcomes aboard contracted Army cadets slotted in the artillery branch. This gives these cadets an opportunity to get some practical training on the howitzers before they go to OBC. Under the direction of CPT Gary Morgan and CPT Ken Britt, the Battery participates in training here at VMI and is able to put these skills to work as they take part in live-fire missions with M-102 batteries form the Virginia National Guard.

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# Cadet Investment Group

During its meetings, the Cadet Investment Group discusses stocks, the economy, or any other pressing current events. Members of the Group come in from all sorts of majors, and it often shows in the meetings we attend. However, this is good. Everyone offers a different opinion providing a strange new twist to the topics of conversation. The group actually invests money; interest is spurred along with participation. It is quite exciting to imagine that you've actually earned over $4000 in a semester. It gives you an awareness of what you can do with your money and how you can use it to make more.

As far as the 1992-93 Group's performance, we've done quite well. Stocks such as Chrysler and Seagate Technology have proven to be top performers which were picks from one of our top portfolio managers and son of an alumnus, Kurt Polk. Other high earners include Circuit City Stores and Time Warner respectively. .

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# Cadet Waiters

In the past few years, Crozet has undergone a few changes for the better. Cadet Waiter's have had the traditional image of being slack. But today this is no longer true. I believe that the image of the cadet waiter has improved along with that of Crozet. Its been a good job for me for the last four years, and its safe to say, for all those who have ever seen a cadet waiter. I would like to thank all the guys who have worked with and for me, for a job well done.

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## Cheerleaders

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The 1992-1993 school year brought new changes and faces to the Institute. Among these new changes was six young ladies from the Southern Virginia College for Women...a.k.a. "Sem." No, V.M.I. did not go co-ed, these six women were the nucleus of the all-new Cheerleading Squad. Christy Banes, Heather Oglesby (Team Captain), Heather Mulligen, Chrissie Stad, Kristy Slagle and Julie Earles made weekly trips to Post in order to practice college-level cheerleading as seen at larger, more nationally known schools. To accompany these ladies were First Classman Nick Martinson (Team Captain) and Troy Spencer, Second Classmen Mike Reymann, Dave Moore, Bret Wilkinson and Roddy Grant. The new squad worked hard to build a foundation for football season.

## Circle K

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Circle K is a college-level community serving organization affiliated with Kiwanis International. Under the watchful guidence of our beloved faculty advisor, LTC Daryl Magee, the club was busy this year handling various service projects on post, such as helping at football games, Parent's Weekend, and the project we are most well-known for, providing the local and state newspapers to barracks. Every member of Circle K this year was an active one. Without a doubt, all will one day be dedicated community leaders.

Thanks a million,
John Harper, President

## Civil War Round Table

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The Virginia Military Institute's Civil War Roundtable is a group of young men studying the period of history in North America from about 1860-1865. The club learns and gains knowledge from lectures, speakers, and first hand informations. Among other well known activities, the club is noted for its reenacting and participation at Rat orientation at New Market Battlefield Park in the fall of each year. This is a particular memory for the Rats as they charge the hill that the Corps charged in 1864. This also allows the club the experience to reflect on those actions as they spend the weekend encamped on the battlefield.

Other events which the club regularly attends are the reenactment of the battle of Standardsville, VA (at Madison, VA) and ceremonies in the area that require persons capable of acting in an 1860's fashion. At all events and functions, the club is well received and the letters of commendation from organizers tell their own story.

# College Republicans

The VMI College Republicans is a club that has seen a volatile past. After losing its charter due to lack of participation, VMI regained full membership status this year. Under the leadership of Matt Williams (President), Hans Pauley (Regional Liaison Officer), Harry Oldfield (V.P.), and Tony Spencer (Secretary) the C.R.'s have been active in local, state, and national politics. Our C.R.'s worked hard on election day (November 3rd) for President Bush and Congressman Bob Goodlatte by campaigning and working the polls throughout Rockbridge County. As 1993 approaches the C.R.'s are looking to strengthen ties with the local elements of the G.O.P. Additionally they will become active in the effort to unseat the Democrats from the Governor's seat in November 1993.

- Hans K. Pauley
Regional Liaison Officer

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# The Commanders

The commanders is an organization dedicated to the performance of jazz in all of its forms. In addition the commanders is also involved in teaching musicians throughout the Corps the various styles, backgrounds, and interpretations of jazz throughout the twentieth century. The commanders consists of several groups which have performed around Virginia and Maryland. The basic type of groups supported by the commanders are the big band and the smaller combos. This year the big band has performed a concert on post, as well as in Lexington for the World War II fiftieth anniversary celebration. The combos have performed in restaurants and parties around the Lexington area and in Maryland.

All of this would not have been possible without the help and hard work of the men whom I have the pleasure of performing with and the support of the community at large. In particular, Lt. Marty Garvey and Maj. John Brodie have always been available for help or advice, and Frank Stinson has always been happy to have us at the Sandwich Shoppe.

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# Econ. and Business Assoc.

The Economics and Business Association is an informal group comprised of EC/BU majors. The purpose of the organization is to bring in speakers who are in the business world and have them relate their experiences to cadets. We have had varied speakers ranging from private business owners to former cadets telling of the experiences in trying to find work after VMI. In having speakers from varied aspects of business we try to introduce cadets to different job opportunities and also work to bring speakers in who are involved in fields of interest emphasized by cadets.

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# Emergency Response Team

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The Emergency Response Team became operational in early Jan. 1992. The club's mission is to assist in medical emergencies on Post and provide quick response to an injury or sudden illness to anyone on VMI property. During the fall semester of 1992, the ERT provided emergency assistance for 84 patients.

With the help of Colonels Bissel and Monsour and the Sports Medicine department, the club has recieved the funds and supplies necessary to carry out its mission. The ERT has become the link between the Corps and the Lexington Lifesaving Crew by setting up paging instructions and developing protocols for emergency care. In 1993, the ERT began volunteering time uptown with the Lexington Crew during the daytime. ERT members cooperate with the Physical Education Department when covering Rat Challenge and intramurals for first aid as well as Rat activities.

# English Society

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ORPHANED! This year the oppressive state apparati tried yet again to crush the ember that glows in the hearts of all the English Society by displacing the Daniels Den to make room for a temple for the worship of Mammon!

Ah Humanity

But we will not be crushed! With the continuing help of Alan Baragona, "The Bard of Staunton," the English Society was able to sponsor a fall trip to Washington D.C. to see Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida" at the Lansbury Theatre, as well as a spring excursion to Richmond and a production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman."

What fools these mortals be!

To think that we would die so easily. The English Society will never fail mankind and cadets alike in its mission to ensure a better, safer world for us all.

# Flwsp. of Christian Athletes

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The Fellowship of Christian Atheletes, more commonly hnown as the FCA, has consistantly been growing at VMI over the past two years. The organization is open to both athletes and non-athletes. For the most part, however, the group is composed mainly of atheletes.

The purpose of the FCA is to provide the opportunity for its members to study God's Word and, most importantly, to learn how to serve Christ in our daily lives - our purpose as Christian student/athelets. The FCA gets together on Tuesday nights in Cocke Hall from 19:45 to 20:30. Meetings include Bible studies, prayer group discussions, guest speakers, and films. The FCA is supervised by Assistant Athletic Director, Chip Smith; Assistant Basketball Coach, Jim Baker; and Assistant Baseball Coach, Chirs Finwood.

# Firefighters

The VMI firefighters is an organization of volunteer uperclassmen trained by the U.S. Department of Forestry to combat forest fires. The organization has been in existence for over 30 years as a ready source of manpower for the community in times of great need. All cadet volunteers must undergo a 4 week training process to receive their "Red Card" certification in fighting forest fires. The cadet volunteers must also be in excellent shape as the strains of mountainous fire fighting require great mental and physical endurance.

With the ability to mobilize at a moments notice, the firefighters have often saved vast amounts of forest and wildlife; even Buena Vista every so often. The firefighters have also been called out on many other instances of natural disasters such as floods and relief efforts. No other VMI group has such hands on action as the firefighters. This year's firefighters are at a record high of 135 strong under the guidence of Cadet First Classmen Eric Nillson and Kevin Smith.

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# Glee Club

The VMI Glee Club, under the direction of Chief MSgt John C. Hickox, is a small group of dedicated volunteers who prepare for various concerts and is one of the most requested liaisons for the Institute. Among the various projects that the club worked on were the ever popular Parents Weekend concert, Christmas in the Courtyard, a reception for the Virginia General Assembly, the Semper Fi awards for Sen. John Glenn, and the Finals concert. The highlight of the year was their Spring Break Tour. The Glee Club, this year, toured the South and gave concerts in Charlotte, Atlanta, Orlando, and performed at Disney's Epcot Center. After this was completed, the club stayed at Daytona where they soaked up the sun and reveled in the relaxation before returning to the "I."

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# Gospel Choir

The VMI Gospel Choir is a cadet run group which began in September of 1991 by Sgt. Maj. Alvin W. Hockaday and Cadet Phillip B. Watson '93. Having another musical group would prove to be a great addition to V.M.I. This particular group allows cadets to be relaxed and feel the emotions of what they are singing. Since September of 1991, the Gospel Choir has traveled throughout Virginia rendering music for various churches and organizations. The Gospel Choir is looking to do some great things and represent V.M.I. to the best of their ability.

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# Hop & Floor

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The Hop and Floor Committee is an organization of thirty-three cadets who prepare the decorations for each of the six Hops that take place during the school year. The 1992-1993 Committee was led by Rusty Smith, President; Max Swaboda, Vice President; and Madison Burr, Treasurer.

The Committee's members form up each day during military duty for the week prior to the Hop in order to prepare the decorations. Quite a bit of work goes into making each Hop successful; Streamers must be hung, chairs placed, the stage set up, refreshments ordered, and a band secured to play. Following the Hop weekend, the Committee must also clean everything up.

The Hops are a time for cadets to relax and enjoy themselves with pretty young ladies. And the Hop and Floor Committee tries to ensure that these evenings are indeed relaxing and fun for all.

# IEEE

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IEEE is a worldwide professional society of electrical engineers. Our VMI chapter concentrates its time on exploring activities related to the major which normally is not seen in the general course curriculum. Thes activities include new cadet orientations, parent's weekend tours, outside lectures, published papers, design competitions and field trips. The chapter is devoted to increasing interest in electrical engineering and maintaing vision under the heavy academic load.

This past year, IEEE sponsored a number of events. Among these were field trips to Bath County power Generation station and to General Electric in Lynchburg. In April, first classmen and faculty enjoyed a senior dinner/retirement party fot LTC. Gordon. The capstone of the year was a group trip to SOUTHEAST CON '93, the annual regional convention, in Charlotte, NC.

# International Relations Club

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The International Relations Club is an organization, open to all majors and classes, which seeks to promote an interest in international affairs. This year, due to financial restraints, the International Relations Club was unable to participate in several Model U.N. Converences at other universities. However, plans for a second trip to Washington D.C. to visit with foreign embassies is in the works for late April. Last year this trip was very popular and allowed cadets to discuss foreign policy issues relating to changes in South Africa and the future role of the U.S. military in world affairs. With added financing the club promises to continue to provide cadets with such valuable contacts.

# International Club

The International Club consists of cadets from various ethnic backgrounds. The purpose of the club is to provide cadets with opportunities for social as well as cultural exposure. The International Club sponsors and participates in a variety of events in conjunction with area colleges. This year, members attended the annual American Asian Student Conference held at James Madison University.

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# Marathon Club

We RUN! That is what we do. Most cadets join to work up to running a marathon, some just for the JOY of running. We run trying to work up to, and reach forty miles a week. This is our training to run at least one marathon a semester. First semester most of the cadets in the club run the Marine Corps marathon. Second semester they run either the Sharock in Virginia Beach or the Pittsburg marathon in Pennsylvania. This year we have a cadet, Brad Coleman (class '95), who qualified and is going to participate in the Boston marathon. We have great expectations for him, especially with a time of 2 hours and 52 min. for the Marine Corps marathon. Brad will become president of the club next year. Adios, and happy running.

- Mike Parker

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# Martial Arts Club

The Martial Arts Club is an organization that is composed of cadets both with and without the knowledge of martial arts. The goals of the Martial Arts Club is to instill in those cadets interested in our organization the discipline of body and mind, to learn the art of self-defense, and to give cadets with prior knowledge of martial arts a chance to sharpen their skills while at VMI. Martial arts is an endless process of disciplining one's body and mind to become a tool of self-defense.

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# Militaria Society

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The Society has been an entity lurking in the halls of barracks for countless ages. In 1991, the administration saw the light and gave us a homeland in the darkest corners of Crozet Hall. A pilgrimage was made to this plethora of milk, and countless honey bears. We came to shed our eyes upon the aftermath of last years RDC meetings, and our hearts were heavy. Nonetheless, we were strong of purpose and renovations commenced with hearty fevor, and great hopes.

The club now prospers in two rooms which serve our needs. The grand design of the present club offers much to the dreamers and those who want to develop their imaginations, or enjoy the subtle pleasures of strategy games.

The "Weapons Room" holds many symbols of the knight's trade upon its four walls, and is for role playing. Its library holds main selections of military, horror, fantasy, Sci-Fi, and used school books. The books are member favorites and enable them to share much which has gone out of print.

# Newman Club

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The Newman club was started, as it continues, to bring Catholic campus ministry to VMI. The club would not be possible without the spiritual guidance of William C. Datz, we call "Burr", who is W&L and VMI's campus minister. The Newman club is sponsered by St. Patrick's Catholic Church here in Lexington.

This club has grown substantially from when I was first a member four years ago. I remember the Saturday night masses and movies as a Rat, and even as an upperclassman I attend evening Bible studies every Tuesday evening, Spaghetti dinners, frequent twilight retreats, Spring campout/retreats, and encounter with Christ retreats.

The Newman club has proven to be an integral part of the spiritual growth of those Catholic students from both W&L and VMI who choose to participate. The leadership of Chris Meyers, Sean Murray, and numerous others has helped make this a memorable year.

# Officer's Christian Flwsp.

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The VMI Officer's Christian Fellowship group has had tremendous year. We have members from many of the nearby schools such as Sweetbriar, Radford, Hollins, Washington and Lee, Southern Virginia College for Women, and Lynchburg. This large group of people from different schools meets every Sunday evening in the basement of Col. Hammond's home for an hour of studying God's word. The time afterwards is spent scarfing down delicious deserts by Mrs. Hammond while watching TV or just talking with our friends. The OCF yearly pilgrimage to White Sulphur Springs, Pa. this year was a roaring success, as usual we had the largest group but still managed to mix in and get to know cadets and midshipmen and woman from other ROTC OCF groups. We had enough people that for the first time we had to take not only a bus but several POV's just to get everyone there. The trip involved an evening of square dancing, a concert by Danny Byram and talks by retired Col. Hemmingway.

# Pistol Team

With great competition from the administration and the commandant's office, the VMI Pistol Team set out once again for a year of intercollegiate pistol shooting experience.

Supplementing the negligible budget out of their own pockets, the team members took our name to such places as the U.S. Nationals, the Royal Military College of Canada, the U.S. Naval Academy, the NRA Headquarters in Washington D.C., and to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Thanks to the top shooting skills of First Classman Jeff Williams and Chuck Dittmer (team captain), the pistol team has had a successful season.

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# Pre-law Society

The Pre-Law Society established a new standard this year— a standard of excellence. The people in the year's program are highly motivated individuals, who readily participated in Society sponsored events. The highlight of the year was the Law School Forum held at Washington & Lee. There, over fifty law schools offered their advice to those who aspire to attend law school. Students met with advisors, admissions directors, and law students to get a well rounded overview of the do's and don'ts of the admissions process.

Most important, this year's Society showed the type of dedication it's individuals will need to become successful lawyers. Special thanks to the Pre-Law Society advisor Maj. Sexton who helped build a foudation for the Society's continued success in the future.

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# Presb. Campus Ministry

The Presbyterian campus ministry is a club which is attached to the Lexington Presbuterian church. The church provides a Sunday bible study for cadets. Members of the church prepare dinner for the cadets who attend bible study after the study on Sunday. Cadets enjoy picinics, superbowl parties, fellowship, and a greater understanding of the bible. The cadet in charge of this club also is a member of the Lexington Presbyterian church council of student higher education.

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# Popular Music Club

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The Popular Music Culb, more commonly known as The Lounge, has gone from a disorganized and loud rabble three semesters ago to a more experienced, organized and even louder band. With the help of some natural skill, a strong will to learn, earplugs, and a drummer who has already played professionally, The Lounge has already had several gigs and is looking forward to several more. They have provided a "Cadet's own" type band that has proven to be very popular at Hops and mixers. They plan to keep The Lounge an ongoing concern at VMI; just rotating in new talent to replace graduated cadets. Altogether, The Lounge plans to keep entertaining cadets next year just like it did this year.

# Promaji Club

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Promaji, which means "togetherness" in Swahili, was founded in 1972. Col. Buchannan, who was the commandant of Cadets at that time, helped organize the minute number of minority students here at that time. Minority, particulary black students, wanted some kind of gorup or club they could call their own. They already had the First Baptist Church in Lexington, but also wanted a palce where problems and innate behaviors could be expressed and talked about freely. With the coalition of persons to help the cadets, Promaji became the group that is currently known to us today. Currently, Promaji has organized two cultural events with the Minority Student Association at Washington and Lee. On Februaury 9, and February 16, 1993, Promaji hosted two speakers for Black history month. Major Von Lipsey of the United States Marine Corps, and Peter Bailey, who worked with Malcom X and Martin Luther King Jr. in the 1960's.

# Ranger Company

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In times past Army cadets could attend Army Ranger school in lein of ROTC Advanced Camp. The VMI Ranger Company was organized to prepare cadets for Ranger school. A few years back, the Army decided it did not want to send cadets to Ranger school.

As a result, the mission of the Ranger Company has changed. The emphasis of training is now to prepare cadets for Advanced Camp. The training hones such skills as land navigation, patrolling techniques, and the responsibility involved with each leadership position. To test their knowledge and skill, the Rangers go out on a night patrol and a three day field training exercise.

All campbound Army cadets must be part of the company. All remaining positions are open to anyone in the Corps. This includes cadets enrolled in other ROTC departments and, during the second semester, rats.

## Semper Fi Society

The Marines at VMI have always been a special group of men. We lead from the front and set the example for others to follow. The Semper Fi Society has been just that type of organizaation this year.

Over the course of this school year we have run several successful operations to include the "Gunfighters Forum" and the "Toys foor Tots" program. These two events and many others were outstanding - many thanks to all those who helped make them possible.

To the Marines that we leave behind, we ask only that you strive to be your best and support your fellow Marines. Best ot luck to you and may Mars always be on your side!

In violence,
Thomas Ripley
Semper Fi President

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## Soc. of Physics Students

SPS is open to physics majors and anybody with an interest in the study of physics. The objectives of SPS are "to assist students...to develop the knowledge, competence, enthusiasm, and social responsibility that are essential to the advancement of physics." Through SPS, colloquis are arranged as well as picnics and trips throught the region.

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## Tanker Platoon

The Tanker Platoon consists of those cadets interested in the Armor Branch. They are under the instruction of CPT. Shutt and MSG Thomlison. The cadets receive instruction on the M-1 Abrams Tank and in basic armor tactics. In addition, the tanker Platoon prepares those cadets, who have been branched armor, for their Officer Basic Course. This training culimates in the Tanker FTX to Ft. Knox, KY. Here the cadets will apply what they have learned throughout the semester on the simulators of the Armor School.

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# Tau Beta Pi

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The Tau Beta Pi Association is the national honor society for the engineering majors. To be eligible to join, a cadet must be in the top eighth of all the engineering majors in his second class year or be in the top fifth in his first class year. The association functions as both an honorarium and a civic group. During the school year, Tau Bates are involved with reviews for the FE exam, encouraging high school students to seek engineering degrees in college, and honoring excellence in the various engineering fields.

# TEBA

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TEBA is an informal group comprised of EC/BU majors. The purpose of the organization is to bring in speakers who are in the business world and have them relate their experiences to cadets. We have had varied speakers ranging from private business owners, to former cadets telling of the experiences in trying to find work after V.M.I. In having speakers from varied aspects of business we try to introduce cadets to different job opportunities and also work to bring speakers in who are involved in fields of interest emphasized by cadets.

# Timmon's Music Society

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The Timmons Society had yet another successful year in the promotion of fine music appreciation at the all to often cultural wasteland that is the "Mother I."

Under the continuing leadership and tutiledge of Col. Thomas B. Gentry, the Timmons Society has continued to provide cadets with the opportunity to furthur their appreciation of fine music.

In keeping with the tradition setdown in the memory of John Timmons cadets were able to; attend concerts at Washington and Lee's Lenfest center, as well as go on the annual trip to New York, which this year included taking in Guiseppi Verdi's "Il Trovatore" at the Metropolitan Opera House.

In the future all cadets are encouraged to make the most of the wonderful opportunities that only the Timmons Society can provide.

# VMI Outreach

VMI Outreach was founded fall mid-semester of 1992 by Adam Galton. With a mission of community service, VMI Outreach has met the needs of many people and organizations. This club of approximatly 20 cadets and faculty advisor Major Elizabeth McGuire, has helped numerous shut-in's, the Gladys Shelter, Habitat to Humanities, schools, churches, food-shelters and many more. Over this past year, VMI Outreach has been in the newspapers more than 20 times and on T.V. news once. VMI Outreach will continue to serve the community with good-hearted volunteer service for many years to come.

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# VMI Theatre

This year's VMI Theatre staff took on the challenge of rebuilding the set for JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT in Scott Ship Hall. Once the show had finished its five-performance run in october, it had two weeks to finish the set for HOME OF THE BRAVE in November. With the design work of Pat Ol'Neil and Joellen Bland, BRAVE went off with plenty of time to spare.

While our faculty adviser, Col. Mike Harris, is teaching in France this year, we have acquired an interim faculty advisor, Col. Gordon Ball, an English teacher who supports us wholeheartedly. He also reminds us that our sound system occasionally gets so loud that his office floor (directly above the theatre) vibrates!

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# Water Polo

Following a few successive rough semesters in the USWP Water Polo League, the VMI contingent of this aquatic sport is emerging to be a spirited and enthusiastic team who does not let one or two misfortunes effect their eternal love for the sport. Our team has been fighting to stay alive due to lacking funds and coaching. Finally, we have established ability and depth in our club with a determined group of leading First classmen; cadets Jim Roman, Andy Desroches, Jim Sharp, and Jamie Shifflett. The strength and support of the worthy second and third classmen; Lee Clover, Al Stankovich, and Eric Loe. With the arrival of some fresh "rat meat." The water polo team looks forward to a favorable future. What better way to travel and get free extended weekends from the "I?"

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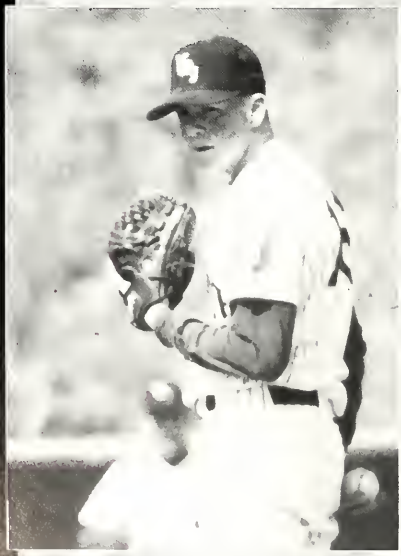
# SPORTS

## MARKING TIME

(above) Big Gene Pribilla prepares to crush the App. State quarterback.



(above) Billy Goodrich stares down a batter as he prepares to gain another strike.

(above) Many hours of practice pay off as Raphael Frost sails in the triple jump during an indoor track meet.

# S-6 STAFF

Mark Nadig
Regimental S-6

Jonathan Penn
Batallion S-6

Stephen Allison
Batallion S-6

Juan Banks
Batallion S-6

Chris Davila
S-6 Lieutenant

Kevin McCluney
S-6 Lieutenant

Phillip Watson
S-6 Lieutenant

Jim Langley
S-6 Lieutenant

Spencer Gill
S-6 Lieutenant

Edward Maynard
S-6 Lieutenant

Russell Tilgner
S-6 Lieutenant

Dan Delawyer
S-6 Lieutenant

# KEYDET

The largest and most diverse athletic program on Post, the Football Team, also possesses the highest profile, attracting hundreds of visitors and fans every fall. However, most players will be quick to point out there is much more involved than just the Saturday afternoon games. Few cadets actually understand the life-style of a VMI Football player. From endless early morning lifts, long practices, and countless other hours of preparation, the team struggles to prepare itself for their next game in the face of VMI's Spartan and regimented life-style. In many ways the lack of amenities enjoyed by other schools, such as more time to practice, comes back to haunt the team at game time. In spite of these hardships, the team has remained a close-knit unit which faces defeat with the same courage and pride as victory. In return, the football team always enjoys one the most supportive home crowds in the Southern Conference.

Although all players are essential, some will rise above the rest. Dan Lyle, Mike Perfetti, Camillus Musselman, Dwayne Arkadie, and Raymond Flowers have all done great things for the Football program this season. Fortunately Musselman and Arkadie will be here next year to help lead the team. One thing that fans can count on next fall is that VMI Football will not be short of personnel, as this year's freshmen have proven themselves a force to be reckoned with. One freshman, Terry Tucker, recieved the NCAA

(Right) Raymond Flowers and Mike Perfetti deflect an attempted pass.

# FOOTBALL

(Above) Kris Edelman, Jamie Whalen, Eric Reynolds, and Bryant McMillian celebrate after a Keydet score.

(Below) Marcus Mines changes direction in mid-stride to find a hole in the defensive line.

# '92-'93 SEASON

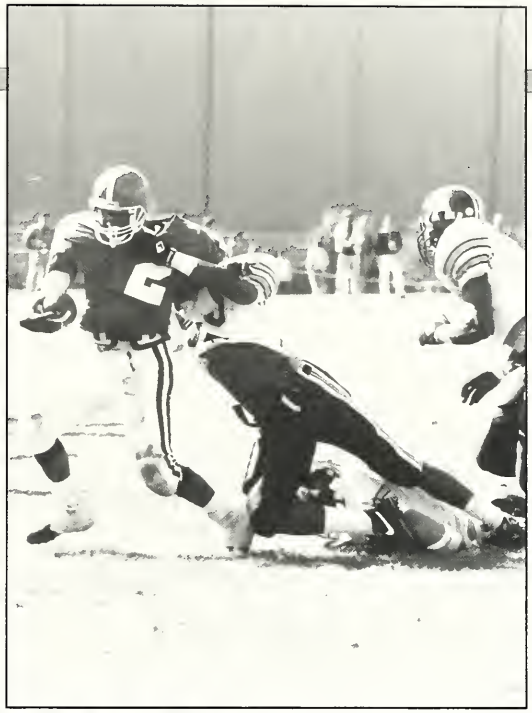
Player of the Year Award. Also, next year's freshmen include the makings of the largest defensive squad that the program has ever seen.

A major set-back for the team this year came in the form of injuries. Team captain Dwayne Arkadie suffered a twisted knee and was not able to contribute very much this season. There was an uncommonly high number of players this season who found themselves in a similar predicament. Regardless, adjustments were made and the team forged on.

Although this was perhaps not their best season, with a 3-8 record and a galling loss to Arch enemy Marshall, the Keydets hung tough until the end of the season. Much of next year is still unwritten, with many senior players graduating and key positions up for grabs such as quaterback. Next year's recruits

(top, left) The Keydet defense penetrates the opposing team's line, eventually taking down their quarterback.

(above) Win or lose, the Corps comes to attenti and sings the Doxology in support of the team a the Institute.



are expected to add depth to the offense and defense. The rest of the team looks forward to incorporating the lessons of this season into next year's game plan and adding on to them. Congratulations to all the graduating seniors and best of luck next season. GO BIG RED!

**by Tim Collier**

**(top left) Tony Scales struggles for the first down against the App. State defense.**

**(above) Marcus Mines floats into the end zone leaving a multitude of the opposing team's players behind him.**

**(left) Bryant McMillian sighs in relief as he racks up another Keydet touchdown.**

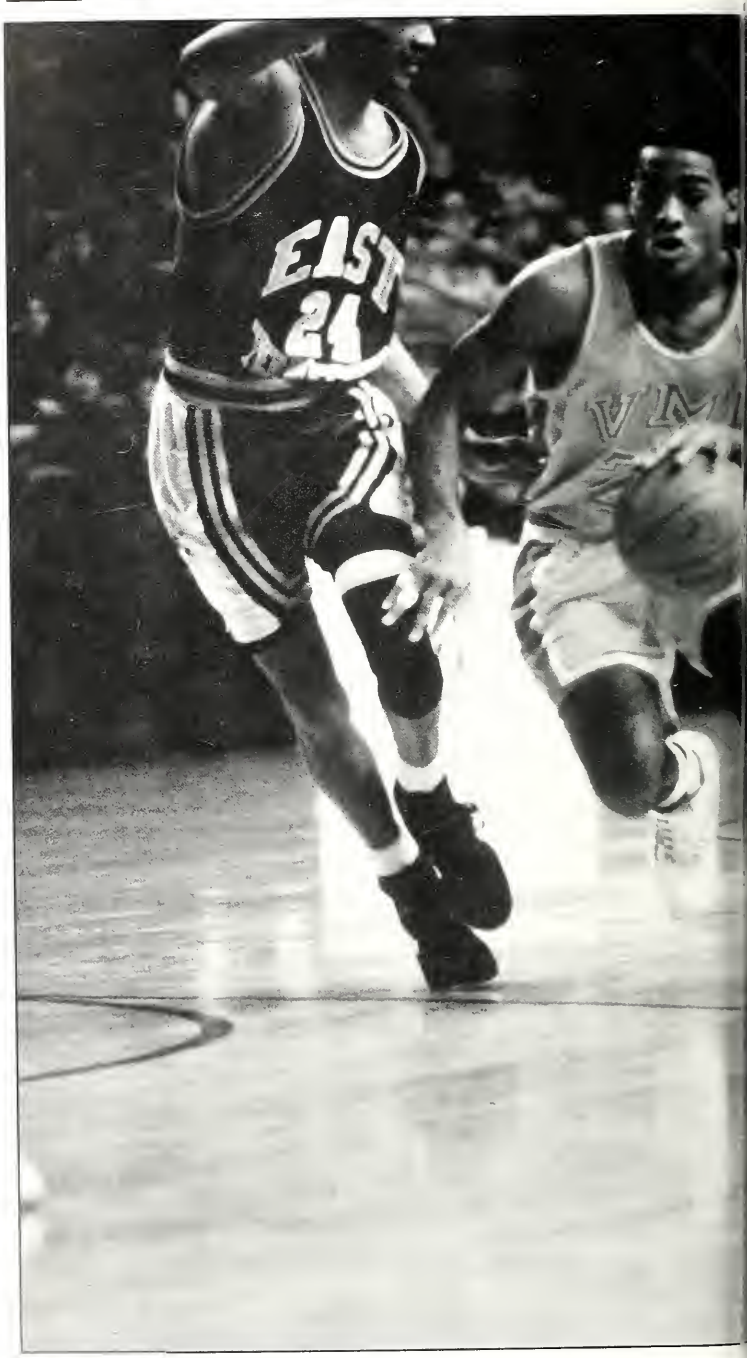
# KEYDET

For many cadets, the winter weeks at VMI can be long and boring. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to watch our Keydet Basketball team in action. The team is led by first classmen Louis Preston (who started out as a walk-on and is now the leading point scorer), Jonathan Penn, and Juan Banks. The team's Rats, notably Howard Bird, Bobby Prince, Larry Osborn have provided depth and breadth to the team. Third classman Terrel Milam, and Rat Lawrence Guillete, are an integral part of the team as well. Coach Cantafio speaks well of his players, Firsts or Rats, regardless. To Coach Cantafio, it is important to see all of his players grow and develop into better players first and become successful at whatever they choose ultimately to do.

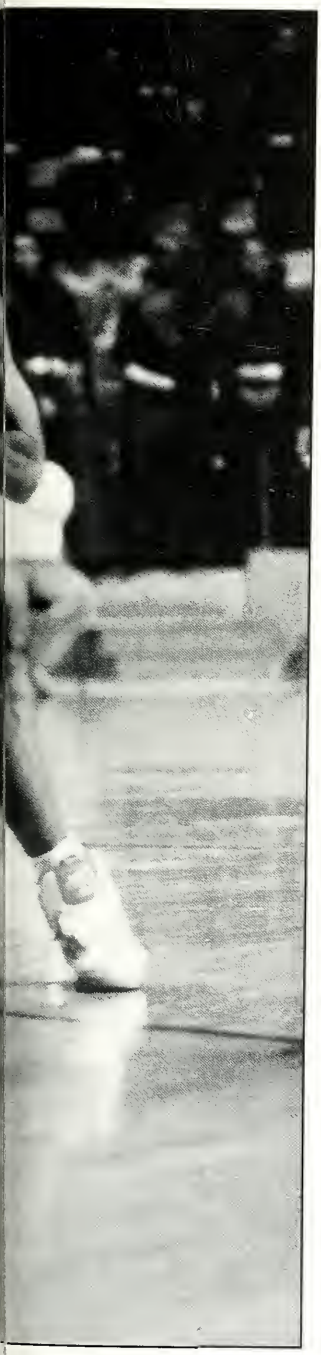
For this team, intensity has been the word to describe practices as a large measure of the team's success is derived from pre-season training. Drilling in the basics and building upon them has been a major goal this season. However, as team members will attest, once the season gets going and the focus is on the games, practice becomes less intense and more fun.

Unfortunately, there have been some problems. Injuries have been a major problem—sprained and stressed ankles most common. Even the rigors of VMI life have taken their toll on the Keydet's performance. But the team knows that the only thing to do is to play hard regardless. And go on, they will. The Keydets look forward to the Southern Conference Championship Tournament, where almost anything can happen.

by Tim Collier



# BASKETBALL



**1992-93**
**Basketball Team:**

Ryan Alston
Guard

Juan Banks
Guard

Aaron Buss
Guard

Howard Byrd
Guard

Jonas Callis
Forward

John Goodman
Forward/Cntr.

Lawrence Gullette
Forward

Lester Johnson
Forward

Terrell Milem
Forward

Larry Osborne
Center

Johnathan Penn
Forward

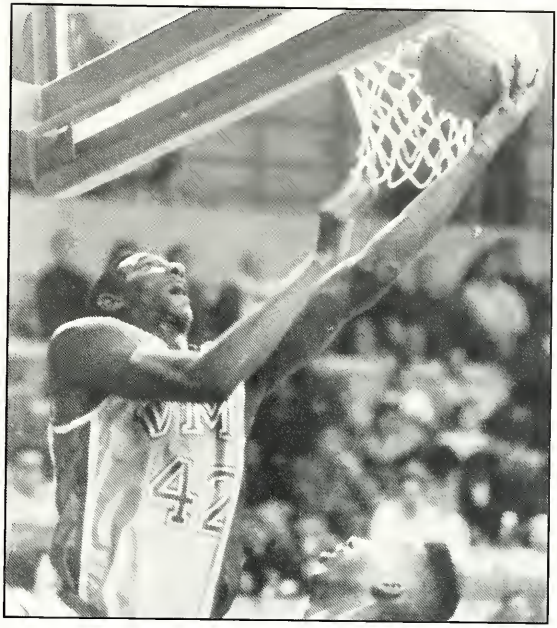
Louis Preston
Center

Bobby Price
Center

Sean Spriggs
Guard

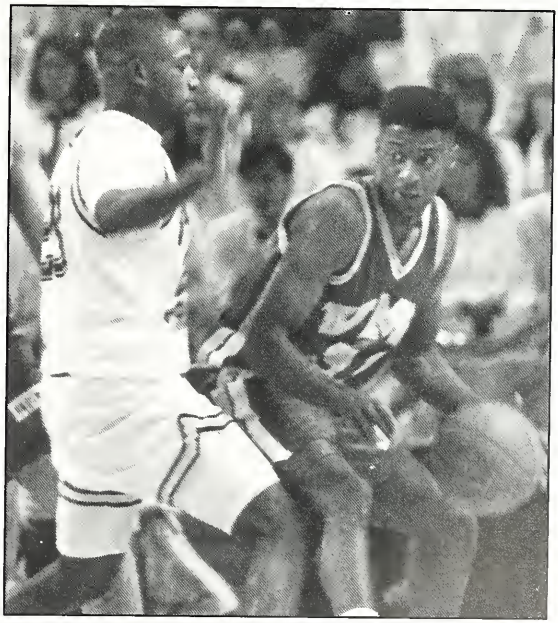
Bryan Woolfey
Guard

(left) Jonathon Penn looks to slide past a defender in order to get to the basket.



(above) Johnathan Penn soars above an E.T.S.U. player.

(below) Juan Banks drives through an East Tennessee State defender.



# CONFERENCE CHAMPS

## VMI INDOOR TRACK TEAM TAKES SOUTHERN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The VMI Winter Indoor Track team concluded it's season with the 1993 Southern Conference championship win. VMI outdistanced arch-rival East Tennessee by 28 points to win the meet. The Southern Conference win was studded with 15 All Conference performances, and ended with Head Coach Mike Bozeman named Coach of the Year.

The Conference win was the product of a long, hard season of work. Although the team was lucky to not have any major injuries this winter there was still much improvement and work to do. The preseason workouts were a big factor in team performance, but much of the critical work was to be done once the season commenced. Lots of fine tuning is necessary for a successful track team. Adjustments in events, review of biomechanics on the part of the runners, and techniques had to be verified in the stressful meet environment. However, the architecture of the team and it's hard work was a success, as the Southern Conference win demonstrates.

VMI Track and Field looks forward to a prosperous Spring season. With First Classmen Phil Watson, Kevin McCluney, Esteban Frost, and Matt Bowers setting an excellent example for the rest of the team, including rat recruits Holm Ankoma-Seh, Phil Alicea, Elijah Ham and Jason Clendenin. The team has managed to create a depth not always achieved by VMI Track. It is precisely this depth that won the Team their Championship, and it will hopefully result in a strong Spring program.

**by Tim Collier**

(above) Shot Putter Jacob Craig lets loose a throw during an outdoor meet.

**(right) Rapheal Frost glances over his shoulder as he blows past an opponent.**

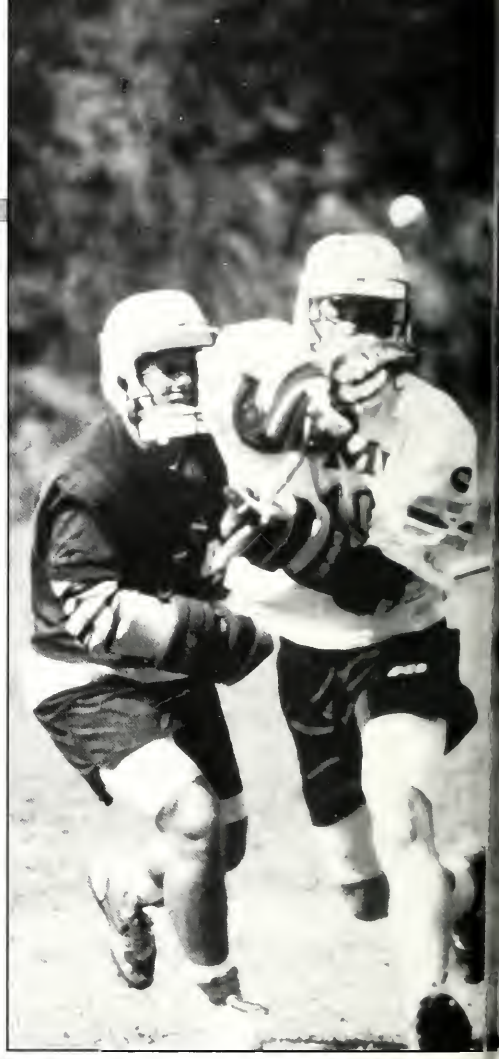
below) Phil Watson smiles at a victory during a spring relay.

(right) Rapheal Frost pushes ahead of the opposing teams in the mile relay.

(above) Phil Watson stares ahead with determination as he leaves behind the oppositon.

# CARRYING A BIG STICK

## VMI LACROSSE LOOKS FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Coming off an undefeated fall season, the Keydets will face the most difficult schedule in the history of the program, featuring such traditionally strong Division I opponents as UMBC and UVA. In addition, the Keydets will travel to the home of former National Champion UNC and to the University of Maryland. The now traditional season finale, the Lee-Jackson Classic, will be held at Alumni Field.

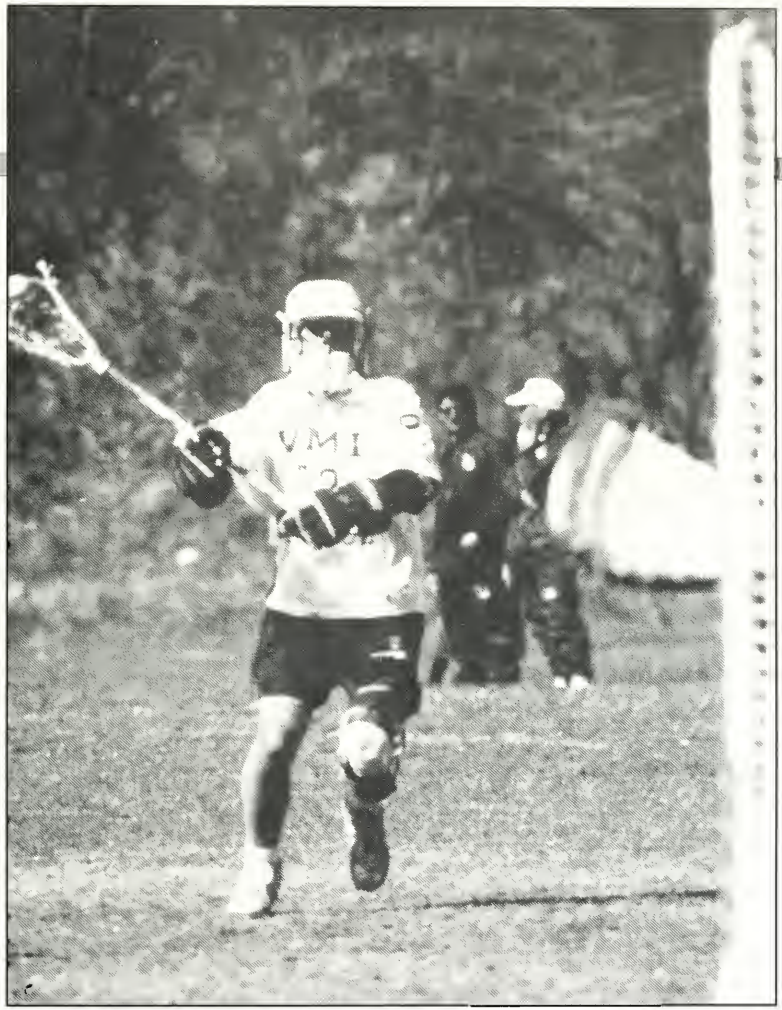
This prestigious schedule was made possible through last year's defeat of 13th ranked UMBC and VMI's first ever NCAA Lacrosse ranking. The recognition VMI received in last year's campaign aided in the recruitment of a strong freshman line-up. These freshmen, as well as the return of Todd Denny, Jack Collins, and Jason Pifer, all of whom were ineligible last year, give this year's team the depth which has been lacking in the past.

VMI's defense will be led by Todd Denny, David Youngclaus, Jason Pifer, and Don Spears. The midfield will be held together by Spencer Gill (last season's leading scorer), Tim Ervin, John Westfall, and Chris Doyle. Defensive midfielders will include Jack Collins and Marc Mueller playing short stick with Lakei Evans and Tom Ripley playing long stick. Between the pipes Mark Cameron and Richard Weatherly are able to provide solid goal tending. On the attack are two of last season's leading scorers, Dan Delawyer and Mike "The Kid" Peters. As there are no other returning attackmen, one of the freshmen will have to fill in the gap on the starting line-up.

Doug Bartlett returns for

(above) Lakei Evans leaps over a defender to retrieve the ball.

(right) Chris Doyle with a shot on goal.




(above and left) Chris Doyle hurls the ball at the goalie in an attempt to score.

his eighth season as head coach of the Keydets with his third year assistant David Hope. Bill Berry will also lend his defensive expertise to the coaching staff.

This season promises to be one of the greatest challenges faced by VMI Lacrosse.

by Marc Mueller

(above) Rich Weatherly takes advantage of a good pass to make a score.

(left) Dan Delawyer looks down-field for an open teammate.

# NO HOLDS BARRED

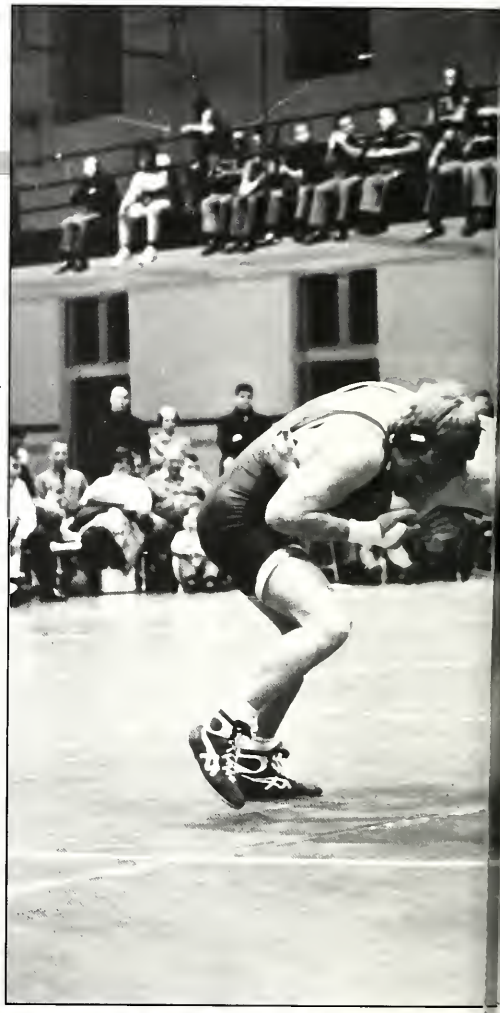
## VMI WRESTLING

The V.M.I. Wrestling Team started this year with an all-star line up: Brian Mason at 126, Charlie Branch at 142, Steve Pitts at 150, Jeremy Ingram at 158, Shawn Onder at 167, Mark Wysong at 190, and Raymond James at HWT. This years line up was the most experienced line up for the Keydets in over four years. Their goal was singular and simple, to win. But once again the team was riddled with injuries. Mason and Onder were injured early in the season and have been out for most of the season, but will return for the Southern Conference Tournament. Pitts and James have also sat out a few matches this year because of injuries.

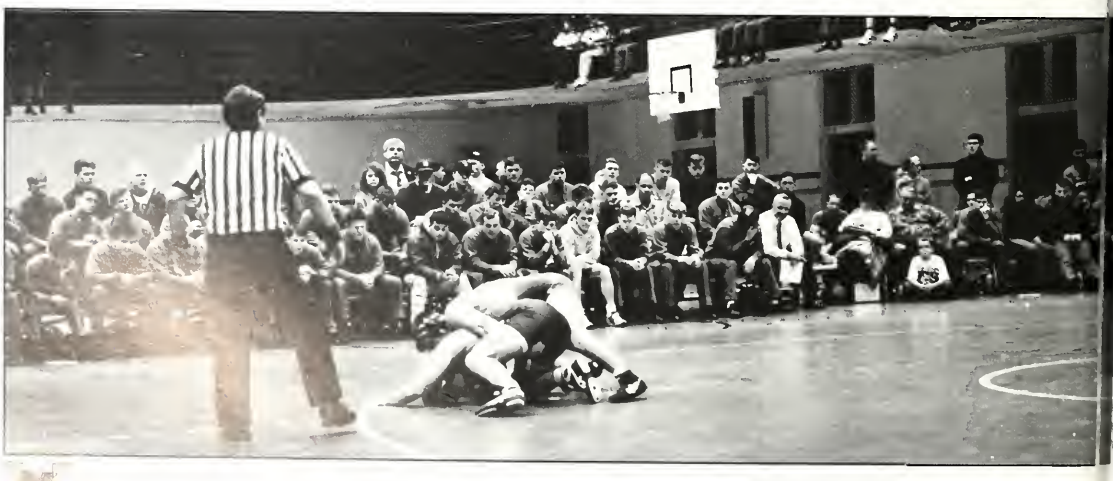
The team has still made good on it's goal to win. The team took second place at the JMU invitational and the Bloomsburg Invitational. Charlie Branch and Steve Pitts have excelled this season. Branch, 21-4 this season already has captured second place at the JMU invitational and Sunshine Open, first place at JMU and second place at Bloomsburg, and has an overall impressive record of 78-14 in a three and a half year career.

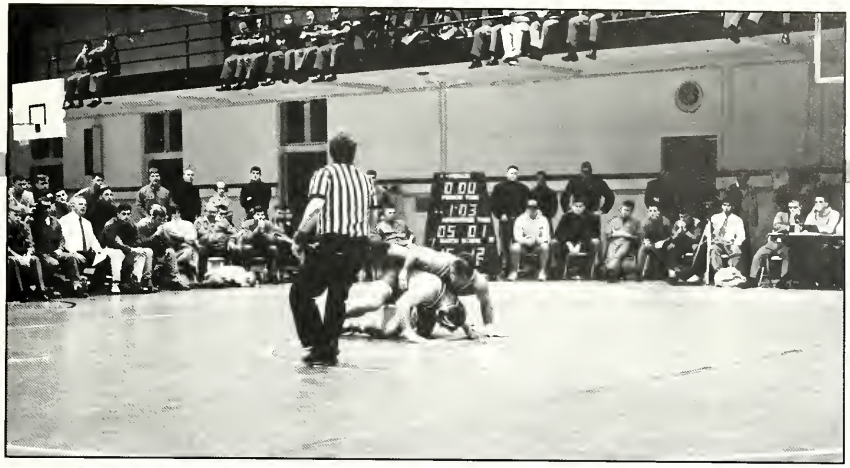
The future of VMI wrestling is shining just as bright as ever, as incoming rats add depth and strength to the team such as the Mickaweiz brothers, Woodward, and David Hall. The team captain Brian Mason has predicted that this year VMI will capture the Southern Conference Title.

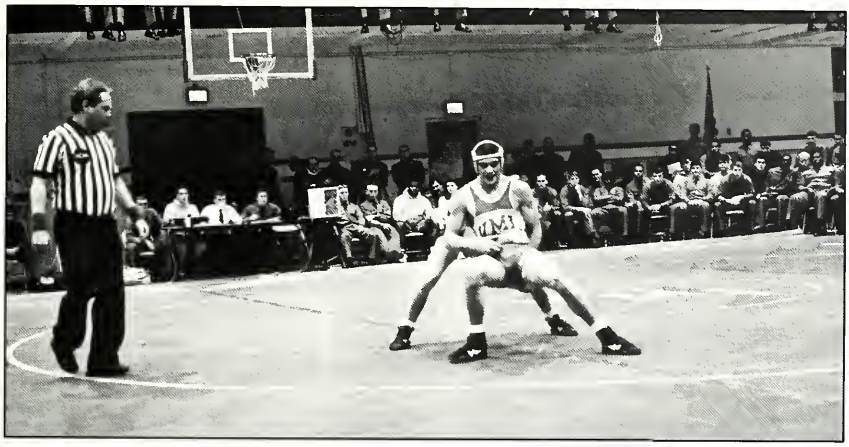
**by Brian Mason and Clarence Tweedy**



**(right) Two wrestlers lock up in an attempt to throw each other off balance.**

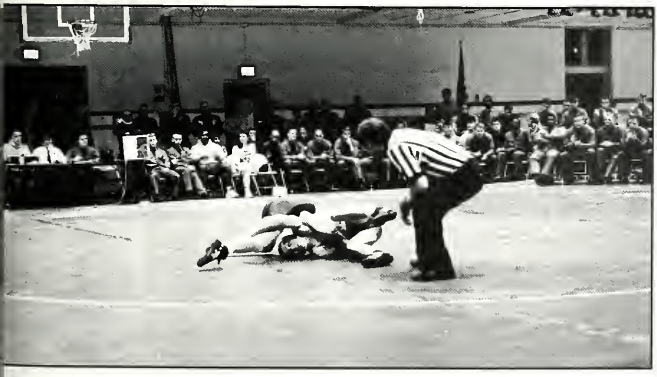


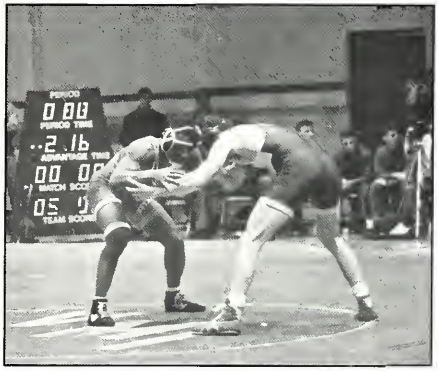




(top) Mark Wysong moves behind his opponent for the breakdown and two points.

(above) Aaron Mickiewicz attempts to slide free from a dangerous position.





left) Mark Wysong grinds his oppo-nent's head into the mat as the crowd watches eagerly.

(above) Aaron Mickiewicz sits-out from underneath his opponent and grabs a single leg.

(above) Charlie Branch watches his opponent for any sign of an opening.

# MAULING MONSTERS

## GIVE BLOOD, PLAY RUGBY
## VMI RUGBY FOOTBALL

Established in 1969, the V.M.I. Rugby Football Club has always been a unique facet of Institute life. The men who make up the club represent virtually every facet of the Institute: AC stars and AC pro, GC and HC, Cadet Captains and Cadet Waiters; all who have served their tenure on the pitch and share the common bond of this complex and misunderstood sport. At practice and at games, we are often misunderstood by both those who cannot grasp the concept of the game, and those who are quick to apply standards and often misplaced conceptions to the club. The VMI-RFC is always ready to prove itself an established source of pride for the Institute.

The spring season of 1992 saw some outstanding talent playing VMI rugby. A highlight of the semester was the visit of the Ecole Polytechnique rugby team. Excellent relations with the team were established and a standing invitation to France (pending sufficient means) remains in place. Aside from the French tour, the club also hosted the 4th VMI Rugby Invitational, in which VMI lost an exciting and very physical championship match 6-0 to Virginia Tech. The fall season saw over

**(below) This group of tired ruggers take time to pose for a picture after a hard fought match.**

half the starting lineup now open to new players because so many first classmen have left. Coming back from some early defeats, the club ended the season with a sound thrashing of the Citadel in Charleston.

The upcoming year promises to deliver all of the fun, excitement, and personality that fans of VMI rugby have come to expect. Come out and support the team.

**by Phil Starling**

**(left) Two VMI ruggers crush a member of the opposing team as a swarm of fellow cadets charge in to help.**

**(below) The 1993 VMI Rugby Team.**

**(left) VMI prepares to battle it out with Ecole Polytechnique in the scrum.**

# GRAND SLAM SEASON

## VMI BASEBALL

The 1993-92 baseball team started off the year with some impressive wins against Duke and North Carolina A&T. More importantly, they finished the year just as strong at the Southern Conference Tournament in Charleston, S.C. Having been entered as the eighth-seeded team, VMI destroyed Davidson, W. Carolina, and first-seeded Ga. Southern. The 8-0 defeat over Ga. Southern caused quite a stir in Charleston as it was the greatest upset in Southern Conference history.

In the end, the Keydets finished the year 20-29, tieing the all-time school record set by the 1988 squad. Some of the individual post-season honors included Cadets Napoleon and Groseclose being named to the All-Tournament team. Groseclose also earned a spot on the 93' All-Conference Second Team along with Cadet Brian Adams.

Much of the credit for the team's success must be given to the head coach, Chris Finwood '88. When he took over in 1991, the squad had a 2-35-1 season. Since that time, Coach Finwood has obviously done a tremendous job with the team. After some extensive work on the players' self-esteem and a number of improvements on the team's facilities, Coach Finwood has built Keydet Baseball back up to the golden age it saw in 1988. Congratulations to Coach Finwood and all the players on the 92-93 baseball team for a job well done!

Sports Information Office

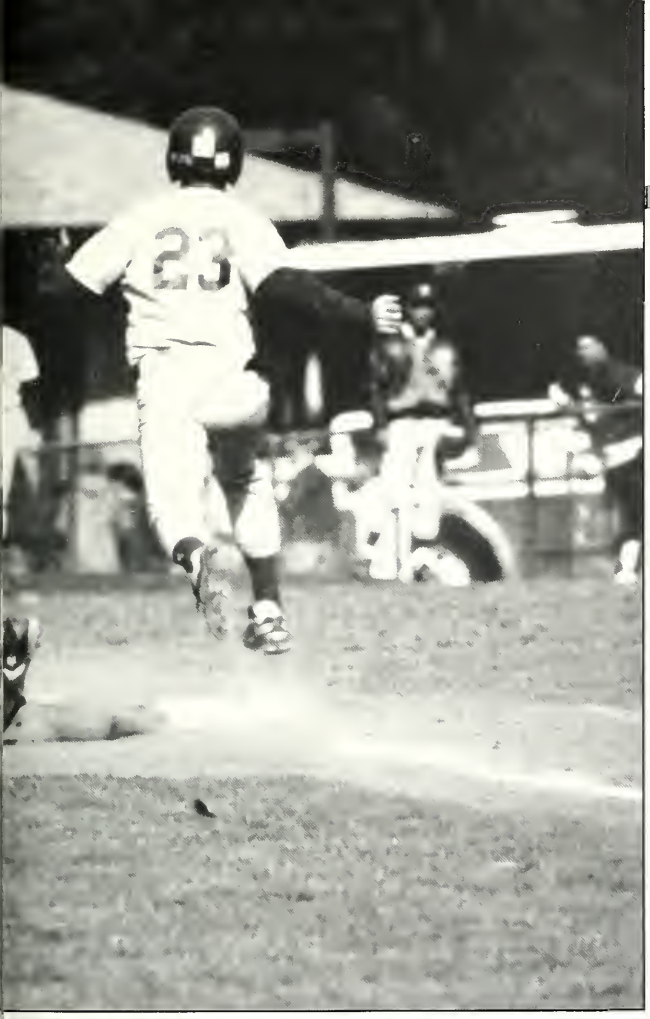
(above) Ray Flowers puts some good hand-eye coordination to use in an attempt to prevent an opposing player from making it to first base.

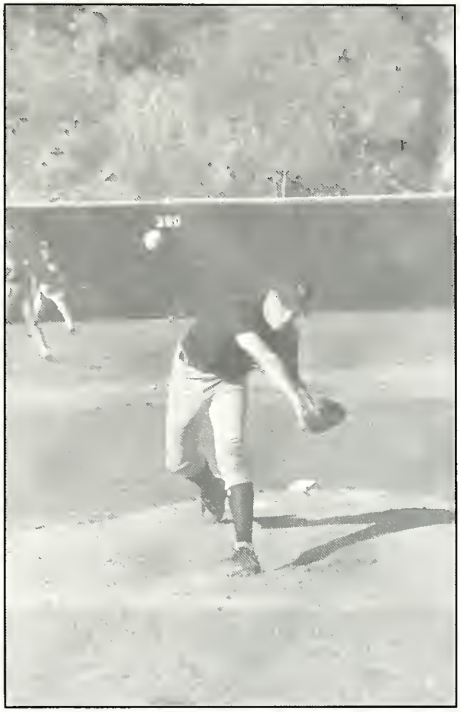
**1992-93 VMI BASEBALL TEAM**

(front row): Marc Phillips, Marlin Ikenberry, Billy Terry, Ryan Glynn, Ray Flowers, Billy Kelly, John Payne, Drew Haney, Grant Hayes.

(middle row): Chris Finwood (Head Coach), Brian Turnage, David Procise, Billy Goodrich, David Groseclose, Brian Adams, Jay Robinson, Chris Chernisky, Ryan Griffin, Tom Slater (Assistant Coach)

(back row): Joey Schenck, Carter Mackey, Louis Napoleon, Warren Williams, Chris Tujo, Chris Cofer, Brad Burrus, Mike Phelps.





(above) John Payne fine-tunes his pitch during practice

(below) It's a close call as Ray Flowers reciecves a pass at first base.

# '92-'93 SPORTS

(left) VMI's cornerback, DeWayne Arkadie, was 2nd Team All Conference and 2nd Team All State in 1991.

(top) Kedet center, Lewis Preston, ad two more points to the home team's sco

(above) Matt Creech considers his options as he is faced by two Virginia Tech players.

(right) One of VMI's Indoor Track relay teams draws a big crowd during a home meet.

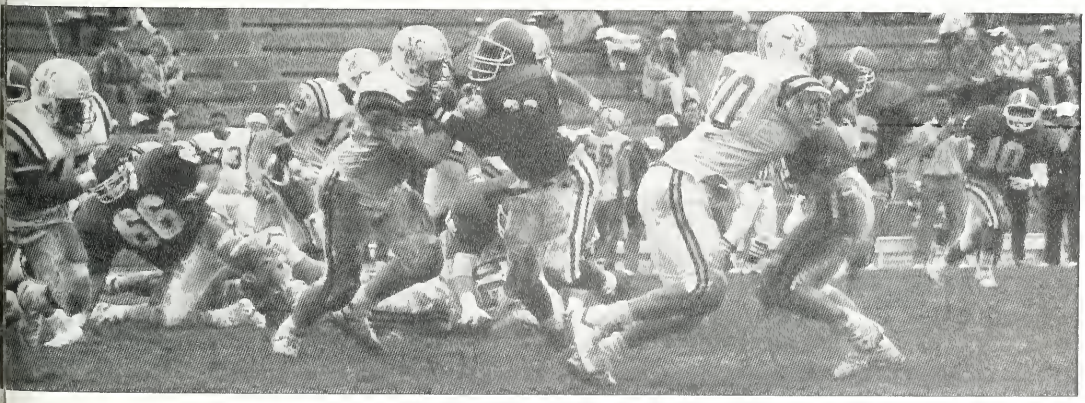
# IN REVIEW

ove) Coach Cantafio calls the ots from the sideline during his enth season of Keydet basket- ll.

(below) The Keydet swim team poses for a picture in their natural environment.

elow) VMI's defense digs in to p UTC's right end sweep.

(right) Mike Perfetti's expression alone could stop the opposition in its tracks.



# '92-'93 SPORTS

(above) Members of the VMI Wrestling team prepare for a very busy season.

(below) Coach Alrutz takes some time to give one of his players a few pointers.

(left) Brad Moses take a moment to congratulate a team-mate after the last race of the season.

(below) Charlie Branch shown in Appalachian State opponent by he was ranked 12th in the nation.

# IN REVIEW

bove) VMI center Lorenzo Carpenter's onors included 1st Team Southern Conrence, 1st Team All State, 2nd Team A.P. AA All American, the Jacob's Bolcking rophy, and3rd Team 1-AA All American.

(right) VMI Cross Country runner Adam Bolan pulls ahead of The Citadel during the Southern Conference Invitational Meet.

(left) Billy Kaushagen goes head-to-head for the ball.

(above) Dan Delawyer gives the competition a run for its money.

*CONGRATULATIONS,*
Christopher T. Chernisky

*You met the Challenge and succeeded.*
*Thank You. You make us very proud.*

*Love,*
*Mom, Dad,*
*& Family*

# CONGRATULATIONS

Max Swaboda
C.E. '93

# Gregory G. Vinci, Jr.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and the Class of 1993

You have given us a great four years at VMI.

Good Luck in the Navy. We know you will continue the same way as when you entered VMI.

We love you very much!

Mom, Dad, Lisa, Tony '90, & Lauren

Whether reinacting or facing life's problems for the first time, moments of doubt have become a day of accomplishment

**- Your Graduation -**

Congratulations Charles Leggett and the class of 1993
your fan club,

Mom and Dad

1971

1991

1985

Congratulations
David L. Hurst VMI '93
Love, Mom, Dad, Stephen, and Heather

CONGRATULATIONS

TOM MICHALOW

LOVE,

**ZIP**

AND FAMILY

# John R. Burnett Jr.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and the class of 1993.

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Julie, Bruce, Cameron, and Casey

*Cadet Raymond L. Flowers, Jr.,*

*Your mother and I have searched our minds and hearts to express the incredible joy we feel for the young man you have become and the wonderful accomplishments you have been able to achieve. Mere words somehow cannot do justice to express our emotions and happiness.*

*We both know the "VMI Experience" has changed you forever; an experience you'll learn to cherish for the rest of your life. Both your mother and I have learned that great opportunities are only afforded to those who have made great sacrifices. We also know destiny is predetermined by divine intervention and you have truly been blessed by God's hands, and it is he who guides your path.*

*When I was a young man, like yourself, and not sure of my future or which direction life's path would lead me, I found strength and self-preservation in a poem by William Henley. I hope you find the same meaning of the importance of one's confidence, convictions, and commitment when life's obstacles are placed in your path*

"INVICTUS"

*Out of the night that covers me, Black as the Pit from pole to pole,*
*I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance, I have not winced or cried aloud*
*under the bludgeoning of chance, my head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears, looms but the horror of the shade,*
*And yet the menace of the years, Finds, and shall find me, unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishment the scroll,*
*I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.*

*-William Ernest Henley*

*Congratulations, and May God Bless*
*We Love You*

*Mom, Dad, Johnathan*

Chris,

17 years ago I told you
"You can do anything you want"

# You Did It!!

- Andy

**Congratulations!**

Cres Long,
We are proud of you for a job well done!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Mindy, and Caroline

# Eric S. Plogger

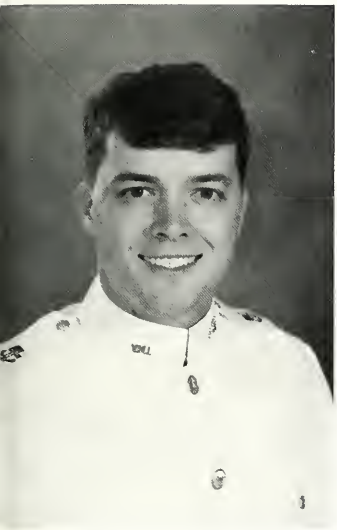
*Congratulations and best wishes to you a*
*the class of 1993!*

We Love You,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Grant Marshall!

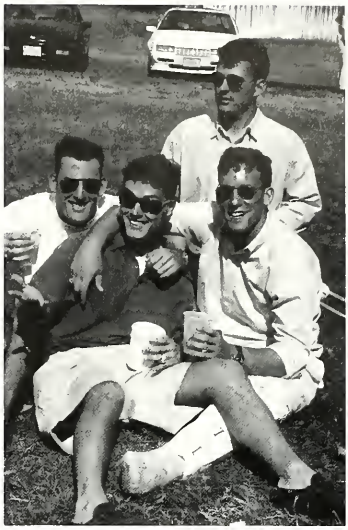
"How shall a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to the Word of God."
-Psalm 119:9

Our hearts swell with love as we think of the precious memories you have given us.
We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Kelly, And "Katie"



Congratulations to Cadet Matt Williams,
Class of 1993
"The Pride of our hearts"

"May God our Father shower you with blessings and fill you with his great peace. May God's holy Angels guard and guide your every step."



We love you and are proud of you.
Mom, Dad, And your family

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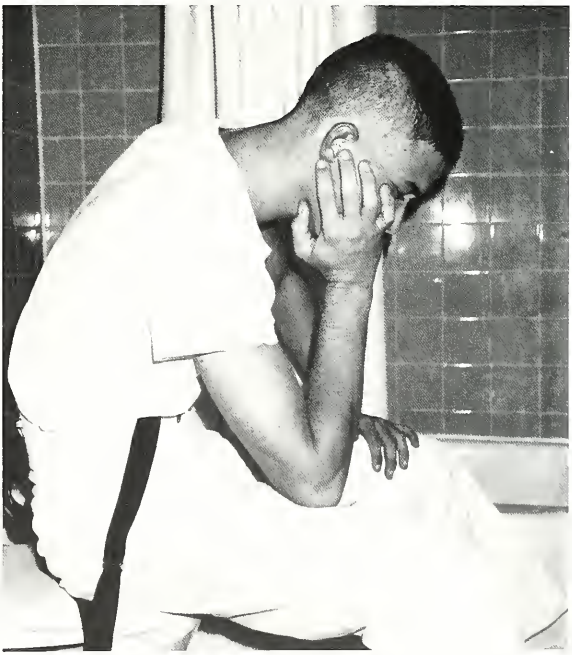
Benjamin A. Lilly

Four years have past at VMI.
From Rat to First--Time seemed to drag by.
A lot of sweat, long nights, and a hard bed.
It took some help from Rah
To set calc. in your head.

Pride, Stamina, Honor--all thought well.
Sweat parties, push-ups--oh do tell.
Discipline, perserverance, "suck it up"--That is the key
To moulding a man from this rat you see.

Congratulations Ben
from Mom and Dad

We Love You!!



**James "Muffin" Kirk**

To our second mortgage and proud son.
The fight has been hard, but you won the battle.
We love you and are so proud of you.
*Congratulations!*
Love Mom, Dad, Elvin, Sug, Frankie, Dawn, and "Vincent"

Mr. cool life awaits you.

# Thomas Carl Westen

Congratulations and best wishes to you and the class of 1993.

We love you,

Mom, Dad, and Billy

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.
-Proverbs 3:6

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

# CONGRATULATIONS
## Anthony S. Tomlin

Because of your confinement at an early age we always knew you would make it through four years at VMI. Congratulations and best wishes to you and the class of '93. You have always been #1 with us.

With love and pride your family,
Mom and Melanie, Dad and Jackie

# Stephen W. Thrasher

Congratulations to you and the class of 1993.

"The soldier is also a citizen. In fact the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country. Hence, it is a proud privilege to be a soldier--a good soldier."

"Now I rise or fall on my own."
-General George S. Patton, Jr.

From boots and hat you had to grow into, from life-long dreams of a real hero, from surviving with grace under difficult circumstances, to the man you have become, we have always been proud <u>of</u> you and are now proud <u>for</u> you.

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Brian

*Congratulations to Kevin Wayne Roop*

*Granddaddy would be proud of you.*
*We are too!*

*Love,*
*Mom, Dad, Che, Mia, and Grandma*

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"To accomplish great things,
You must not only act, but also dream,
Not only plan, but also believe."

We knew you could accomplish great things and you did. We believed in you, but most importantly yo believed in yourself. You dreamed, you planned, you acted. You've made us very proud. The world is your -go for it, always continuing to accomplish great things. Thank you for allowing us to be so much a part o your Cadetship. To all of your Brother Rats we wish them well and thank them also for letting us be a part o their lives. Our door will always be open to all of you.

Eric, your Mom personally thanks you for all the love, pride, and friendship you've given me in my life. Yo are my best friend and a true blessing in my life. Go forward now Son and know wherever you are, our lov friendship, and support is always there.

Congratulations Cadet Eric Eversole
Company "D" Commander
You are truly a VMI man, always be proud of that.

Love and God Bless You Always,
Mom & John

Congratulations
Class of 1993
From
Family Physicians of
Wytheville, LTD.

Congratulations on Ring
Figure '94--It's worth
every "penny"

Dr. S. M. Polakoff

If you would have your son
be something in the world,
teach him to depend on himself.
Let him learn that it is by
close and strenuous personal
application he must, in short,
make himself, and be an architect
of his own fortune.
-Edwards

Kevin,
You perservered and kept the faith--we are so proud of you...
LOVE, Mom, Dad, and Chris

CONGRATULATIONS
And
Best Wishes
Sam Partin
And
The Class of 1993
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Chris

Cadet Alonzo C. Cabell, Jr.

DREAMS

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die,
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go,
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.
-Langston Hughs

Many of our dreams for you have been fulfilled. It is now time for you to act on those dreams for yourself and know that any dream worked on hard enough can become reality.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and the Class of 1993
Mom, Dad, and Sisters

**WE LOVE YOU "BIG GUY"**

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## Matthew Eads

Remember, success is the measure of how far you go from where you start. Along the way, you will face numerous Ratlines in life. Your VMI experience will give you the confidence and ability to deal with all of them.

Love,
Mom and Dad

P.S. We will greatly miss our frequent visits to Lexington and VMI.

Marc A. Mueller
Congratulations, Best Wishes, We Love You

Dedicated to the memory of a friend, mentor, and collegue

Dr. Marion G. Runion '61
Killed in Action
2 Feb 1967
Republic of Vietnam

The Thomas F. Hancock Family

Cori, Faith, Chip, Tommy, and Ann Marie

'67


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You've come a long way since your first graduation!!!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Eric

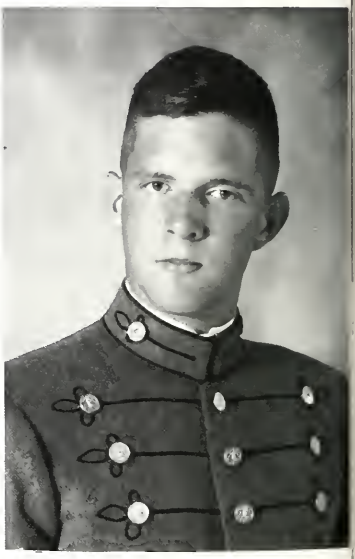
# Bryan D. Newman

Congratulations and the very best wishes to you and the Class of 1993

**"FIRST CLASS" Says It All!!!**

Bryan, thank you for being such a wonderful son and person. Also, thank you for giving us the opportunity to share a part of the "VMI Experience" with you. We are all very proud of you and love you very much.

LOVE,
Mom, Dad, Paige,
Pug and Tiffany



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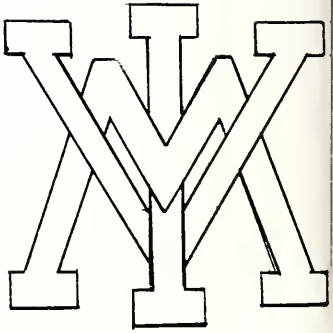
# CAMERON B. BRIODY

Our love and congratulations to you and the Class of 1993. We a
proud of all of you.

Dad, Glenn, Eliza,
Glenn, and the entire
Menagerie.



**1993**

W. Heath B. Bono

*Congratulations!*

*Room 139*

*From children to men,*
*you have made us proud.*

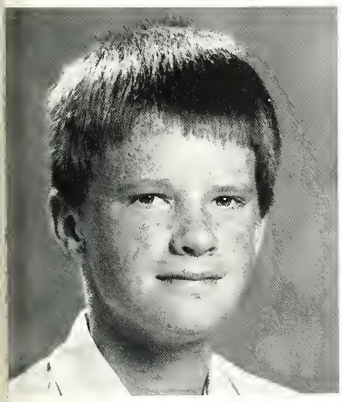
*Love,*
*Your Families*

Mac Crumrine

*May the road rise to meet you, the wind be at your back, the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Thanks for the Memories

*Matriculation:*
*August 15, 1989*
*Breakout:*
*March 1, 1990*
*Ring Figure:*
*October 18-19, 1991*
*Advanced Training:*
*Summer 1992*
*Graduation:*
*May 22,1993*



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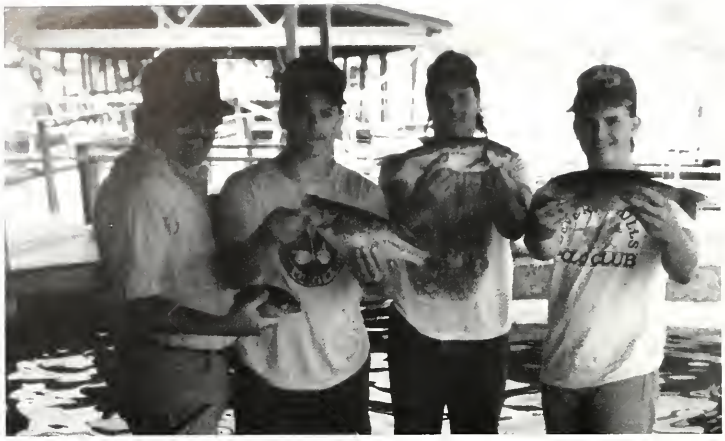

**No Fish Story Jason Bialon**
**Your our No. 1 VMI Engineer**
**Congratulations to you and the Class of 1993**

**Love,**
**Mom, Dad, Aaron, Frankie, Goober, and Petunia**

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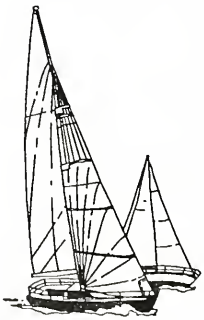
# For: Michael M. Wallace

**POP**
"If you know all the answers
you probably haven't asked
all the questions." *Harry Truman*

**"M"**
"Always do right!
This will gratify some people
and astonish the rest." *Mark Twain*



**MEME**
"Whether you succeed or fail,
your quality of life will be determined
by your capacity for delight." *Anne O'. Mitchell*

**DAD**
"The only new thing in the world
is the history you don't know." *George Marshall*

*CONGRATULATIONS!*
*Great respect and much love*
*From ALL of the above.*

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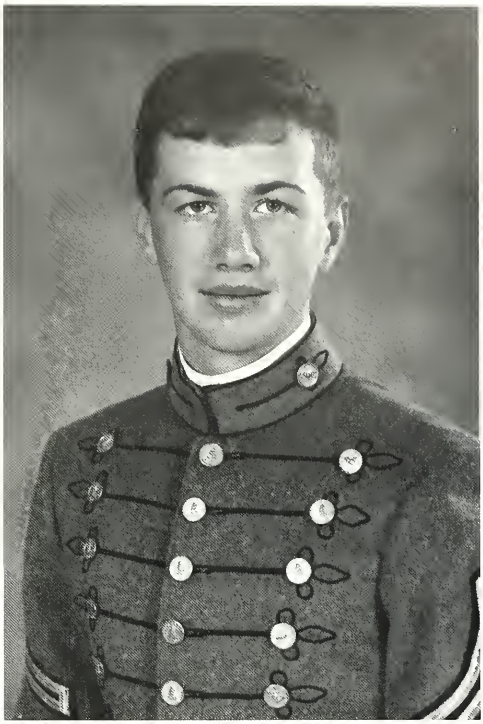
*"We care enough to salute the very best."*

## Tom Nelson

*You have met the VMI challenge and accomplished your goal. Know the Lord will always walk with you into the future. Remember Sir Winston Churchill, "Never, never, never, never, give up."*

*We love you and are proud of all you have done, but most of all because of who you are.*

*Love Always,*
*Mom, Dad, Elizabeth,*
*Jennifer*



# Eric D. Avila

*Congratulations, love, and a bright future to you and the Class of '93.*

**We are so proud!**

**We Love You,**
**Mom and Dad**

**Patrick**
**You have our**
**Great Admiration,**
**Deep Respect,**
**Undying Love,**
**and**
**Unbridled Pride**
**in your accomplishments.**

**LOVE,**
**Mom, Dad, Colleen,**
**Brendan, Bear, Stockett,**
**Murphy & Jackal**

*CONGRATULATIONS*
*Cadet Darin Ramsey*

We are proud of you for accomplishing what you s
out to do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dean '92,
Lori, Eric, and Granny

*RAT 1989*

*1ST 1993*

# Kenneth M. Feeley

Congratulations to you and the Class of 1993.
We are so proud of you!
May you have the best of everything in life.
Success and Happiness be yours 'BUCKO'
and may God bless and watch over you always.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Rick, Ray, Jim, Nancy, Lisa,
Christina, Jim, JR & Samantha

*1970, JUNE 17*

*1988 WHS-HEBRO*

# CONGRATULATIONS
# Richard Andrew Borden,
# the Class of 1993, and "A" Company

You have lifetime friendships, many memories and a great education. We salute you for a job well done. The future is yours.

With Love & Pride,
Mom, Dad, Roger, and Wayne

Robert Michael Matson

You have marched to a
very different drummer,
and we've all enjoyed the Parade.

With Love and Admiration,
Dad, Mom, Larry and Ed

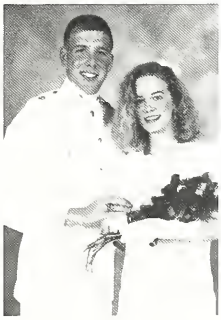
"...Gold tried in the fire..." Rev. 3:18

CONGRATULATIONS, JOEY!

We are very proud of you!

LOVE,
Mom, Dad, and Mandy

Lt. Richard E. Goodman, II
United States Air Force



CONGRATULATIONS
DICK
and the Class of '93

You have accomplished the Ratline, the RING, and the grandest thing -- the VMI DIPLOMA. We are so proud of you. Thanks for the many memories. We love you very, very much.

Mom, Dad, Todd, and Gram

YOU DREAMED

YOU ACCOMPLISHED

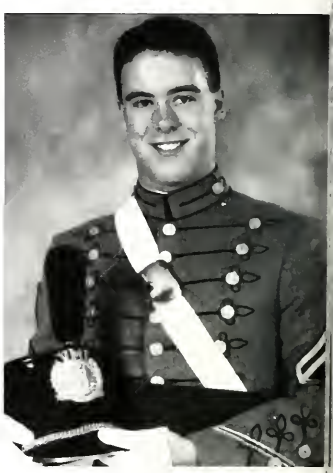
MOM, DAD,
LISA, SCOTT, KIRK

## CONGRATULATIONS

### CHRISTOPHER R. REID

"THE JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN"

NOW SOAR!



AND ALL YOUR
VERY CARING FRIENDS

## G. Gilmer Minor, IV '93

**Thank you, Gilmo for making us very proud of you. We all share the common bond of the VMI Spirit. May this happy feeling always be in your heart. We love you very much.**

**G. Gilmer Minor, III** **'63**

**G. Gilmer Minor, Jr.** **'34**

## BRIAN KEITH SOUTHARD

Congratulations and Blessings To You an
The Class Of 1993

Blessed will you be if you do not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

Make your delight in the law of the Lord, and on this law meditate both day and night.

Be like a tree planted by a stream of water, a yield your fruit in season and do not allow your leaves to wither.
In whatever you do, prosper.*

We Love You
Mom, Dad ('59), Jeff and Camille, Tom, Todd ('8
and Trish

*Based on Psalm 1:1-3

## CADET JOSEPH P. KENNEBECK, CLASS OF 1990

This is a very special day in your life. You have achieved a goal you set for yourself, and now you know what ou are capable of with diligence and perseverance. We'd like to offer a bit of advice in hopes that it will help ou in achieving future goals:

Be yourself, not who you want others to think you are. Love unconditionally. Follow your conscience. Choose alues that won't fail you. Be a loyal friend. Honor God, if not in a church, always in your heart. And always emember to share your joy and your pain with those who love you most, your family. We're very proud and appy for you!

ove, Mom and Dad

Ve hope this is but one of the many dreams you'll achieve and that your pride and belief in yourself grows as trong as ours is in you.

ove and congratulations, Trip and Sara

n your fast-moving world, take time to step aside and think, for no person can outdistance his thoughts. You re today where your thoughts were yesterday, and you shall be tomorrow where your thoughts are today. May our achievement bring you the dreams and happiness you deserve. Our thoughts are with you, now and lways.

ongratulations and good luck, Casey and Melanie

e true to yourself and you'll find peace. As you embark on the journey called "the real world," know that I love ou and am here for you.

ove Liz

leet the future with an open mind, keep everything in perspective, and remember who loves you. Following erry Garcia won't pay your bills, and Michael Milken is not a positive role model! Congrats Little Brother!

ove, Steve

# Cadet Brian Scott Canaday, Class of '93

Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions...and the actions which speak louder than the words. It is making the time when there is none...

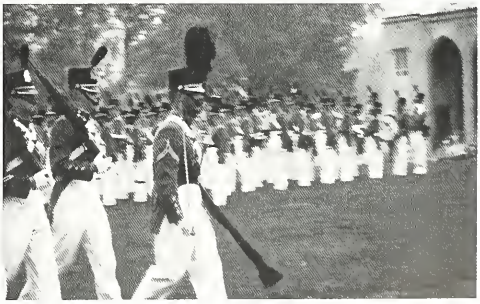
Coming through time after time after time, year after year after year. Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things.

It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism...

You're ready and we're so proud of you! Thanks for the great VMI memories...

**We love you and believe in you always,**

Mom, John, Brandon, Chris, Jay, and Blair



# A SUGGESTION TO THE GREAT CLASS OF 1993

"When on the ladder of success, don't stop to admire your work"

Class of 1968

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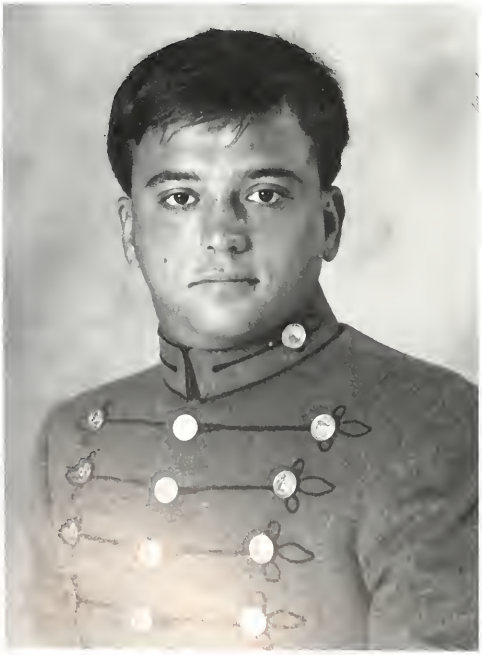

Congratulations to you and the Class of 1993!

You've met the VMI challenge. During the many adversities you persevered and overcame. Be strong in your faith and may God continue to walk with you in your future.
We are very proud of you!!!

Love,
Mom and Dad

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field or endeavor"

- Vince Lombardi

Erik, Jeff, and Mike,

Congratulations on joining the "Old Corps." You guys have made us all so proud. Thanks for the opportunity to share in your experiences.

Love and best wishes in your future careers.

Donna Cross
Jeffrey and Susan Nilsson
Don and Mary Livingston

**CONGRATULATIONS**
**LT. ADAM W. PERIN**
**AND ALL OF YOUR B.R.'s**
**IN THE CLASS OF 1993**

Words can't express how proud we are of you Adam and what you have accomplished. VMI will always have our gratitude for the spirit it has instilled in you. You can be ALL THAT YOU RESOLVE TO BE. Take on life like you took on VMI.

**We Love You,**
**Dad, Mom, Grand Dad, Casey, Ashley and Harrison**

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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 1993!
EDWARD MAYNARD:

**We are grateful for your self-discipline**
**We admire your determination and character**
**We are very you and your accomplishments**
**We wish you a very full and happy life.**

Much Love,
Mom & Pops

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**Dear Rob,**

**Congratulations for your achievements** [illegible]
**VMI. Rah to the Class of '93.**

**Love,**

**Mom, Dad, John, Anne, Marie, Joel and Lau**[illegible]

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## SEAN, CONGRATULATIONS!

It's been a long, hard road. God's blessing to you, Jui-Chi, Yu-Cheng, your exceptional roommates and all your BR's. We love you very much!!

Mom & Dad, Kyle and Kerry

Micah 6:8 Proverbs 3:5,6

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**Cadet Anthony S. Hatzis**

What we have to say is beyond our page limit, so we will only say this....
CONGRATULATIONS - we are very proud of you. Thank you for tha four unforgetable parents' weekends. God bless the class of '93. God bless you always.

We love you very much...
Mom, Dad, and Gego

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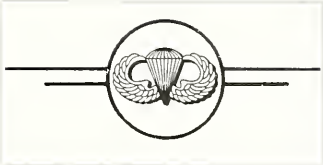
**CONGRATULATIO**[illegible]
**SCOTT EANES**

With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Meli[illegible]
Scott, Gradi[illegible]
Grandad, and Nan[illegible]



## Sean P. Wilson
## 2nd Lt. U.S. Army

You chose your course, it wasn't easy.
You were determined, and you succeeded.
All of life's rewards await you.

**CONGRATULATIONS SON!!**

All our love,
Mom and Dad

Evelyn, thanks for everything. We love you.
Jim and Sean

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# BRAD and MARK ("The Twins") NADIG

## Congratulations to both of you and the entire Class of 1993.

Brad and Mark, we are so proud of you and the fine young men you have become. As you travel different paths from here, our prayers for your safety and success follow always!

Lots of Love,
Mom, Dad, Erik, Jeff, and the rest of your family

CADET KEVIN R. FEESE

We watched you grow
We watched you learn
We've witnessed your
victories
As well as you defeats
You've met the test, among
the best
As you graduate with the
class of VMI '93
YOU ARE THE BEST!
Congratulations for meeting
the challange
We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom & Dad
Chris & Kathi

**Congratulations to Kris, Kevin and Jon --**
**On your friendship, your successes and your ideals,**
**May your bond and that of your families last a lifetime.**
**With all our love,**
**Your Parents**

Cadet Jonathan J. Kucera, Jr.

You chose the path less travelled,
and have met the expectations of
yourself and your family.

Go forth with pride of
achievement and integrity of
character - as a V.M.I. Engineer.

With love and admiration,
Dad and Paige

Cadet Kris D. Edelman
An Admirable Man

Men are admired for many
reasons,
And notriety comes and goes
with seasons,
But honor, respect and pride
are yours.
Thank you for sharing the VMI
experience with us.

Love,
Mom Dad & Scott

Mom

Dad

Catherine

Susan

CONGRATULATIONS, PHILIP

WE ALWAYS KNEW YOU COULD DO IT

Gma Walker

Grandma Zoellner

Grandpa Zoellner

## CONGRATULATIONS CADET CAPTAIN PAUL R. SYVERSON III AND THE VMI CLASS OF 1993!

Those hurried good-byes four years ago at Cameron Hall. How far Virginia from Illinois. At last Parent's Weekend! Comforting words of Col. Caudill, uplifting voices in Brotherhood by the VMI Glee Club and director Chief MSgt Hickox, and the VMI Band under Major Brodie, showed us the VMI SPIRIT. Thanks for the memories, the fine cadets, and the wonderful staff of VMI for making today reality!

**It is not what he has, nor even what he does, which directly expresses the worth of a man, but what he is.**
**- Henri Fredric Amiel**

**LOVE, PRIDE, AND GOD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS,**
Dad, Mom, Ron, Family, & Friends

Congratulations
Douglas John Stransky
and the Class of 1993.

The joy of this day fills us all.
The pride you feel is part of us.
The love in our hearts is with you forever.

Mom, Dad,
Dana, Beth & Bob '72

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BEST CLASS TO EVER GRADUATE FROM VMI:**

# 1993

**LTC DARRYL MAGEE**
**"HONORARY BROTHER RAT"**

**TO CADET LT. BRYAN J. VANDEUN II**

"The time has come," the Commandant says,
"To speak of many things -
of Band Co., Glee Club, breaking Rats,
Doing P.T., and Rings!"

Our pride in you is endless!
(You'll always be our "Bubba") -

With love,
Mom, Dad, Andy, & Bret

**CONGRATULATIONS**

# NICHOLAS R. MARTINSON,

STROHS
(a.k.a. "ROIDS")

**Brother Rats of 1993,**

**and**

**Room 154.**

**With Love and Pride,**

**Mom, Dad, Dolly,**

**Don, and Ranve**

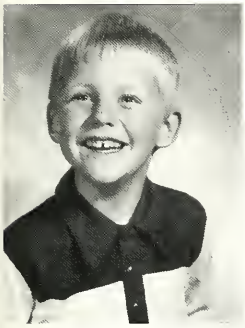
USMC, I'M YOURS!

## BLAKE GUNNAR SVENDSEN

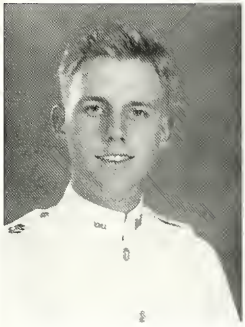
Blake,

We couldn't be more proud of you!

With Love,
Mom, Dad, Eric, & Susan



Kindergarten



First Class Year

## ROBERT G. PETERSON

Congratulations for all your accomplishments at VMI!

**RAH to the class of 1993!!**

Love,
Mom, Dad, John, Anne Marie, Joel, and Laura

## JAMES NEIL OSBON

Be what you wish to seem.
- Socrates

Neil,
We're so very proud of you.
- Mom, Dad, and Keith

Congratulations to the class of 1993.

CONGRATULATIONS

# MICHAEL DAVID TUCK

**WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!!**

**- Mom, Dad, and Stephen**

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CONGRATULATIONS

# PATRICK WAYNE THOMPSON

**You have achieved your highest goals; made a reality from your most ambitious dreams!**

**We know you will make a great Navy pilot! Do as well in flight school as you have done at VMI.**

**WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!!**

**Love,**

**Mom, Dad, Pete, and Jen**

# Congratulations to the Class of 1993 from The VMI Alumni Agencies

The VMI Alumni Association, Inc.
VMI Foundation, Inc.
VMI Keydet Club, Inc.

*The VMI Alumni Association, which was founded in 1842, is the nation's oldest independent alumni association.*

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You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink

...particularly if the horse is 135 years old.

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# The VMI Museum

Collecting, preserving, and exhibiting the history of the Institute since 1856.

Jackson Memorial Hall

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 1993

ARA services

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Keydet Kanteen-
Snack Bar and Retail Store

Keydet Bookstore

**"We are here to serve you."**

# MARSHALL DONORS

The Craft Family

The Class of 1969

The Farleigh Family

The Leone Family

University Cleaners of Lexington

# Alpha Company Rats

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# Bravo Company Rats

# Charlie Company Rats

# Delta Company Rats

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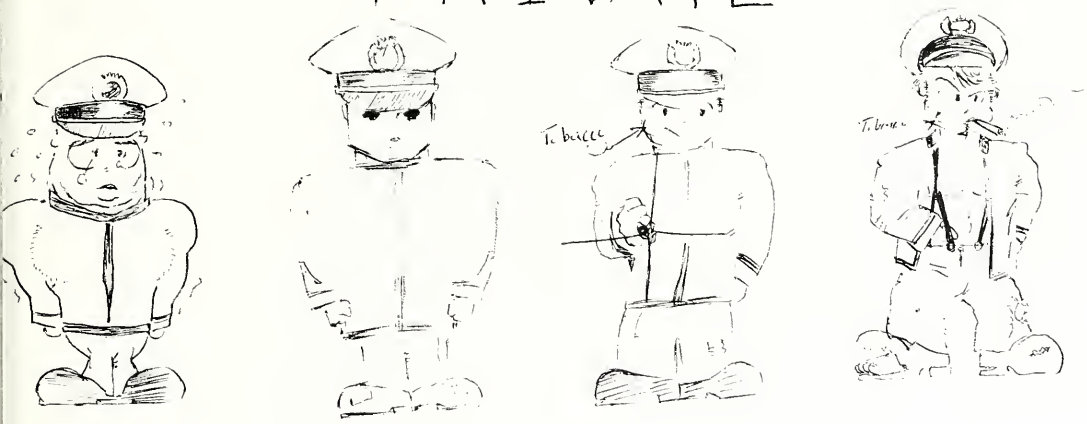
# OUTRAGE

## EVOLUTION OF THE FIRST CLASS PRIVATE

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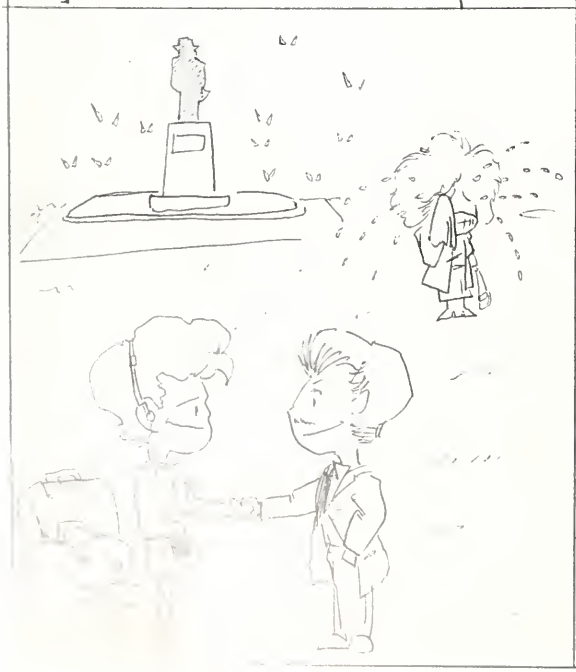
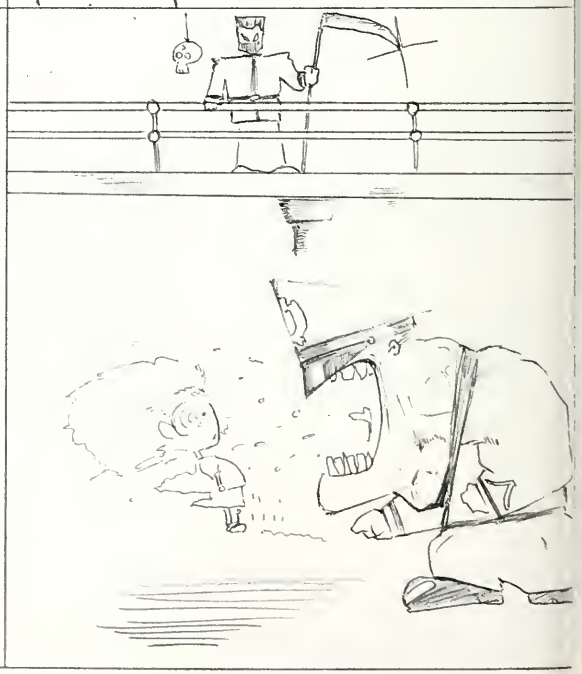
In the beginning, I was an ambitious boy...

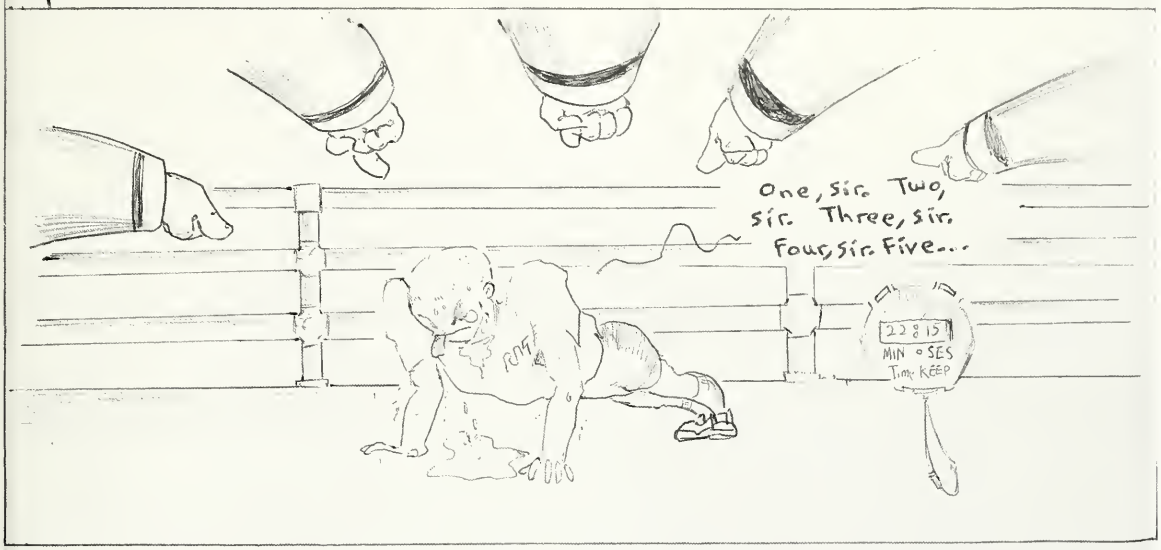
Everything started innocently enough. Mom and Dad were so proud!!



But then, the gates of hell opened up as we met our cadre.



Once the Rat-line got under way, time seemed to stand still. It wasn't thoroughly unbearable, of course. You had some good times with the bad. One could say the Rat-line truly had its ups and downs...

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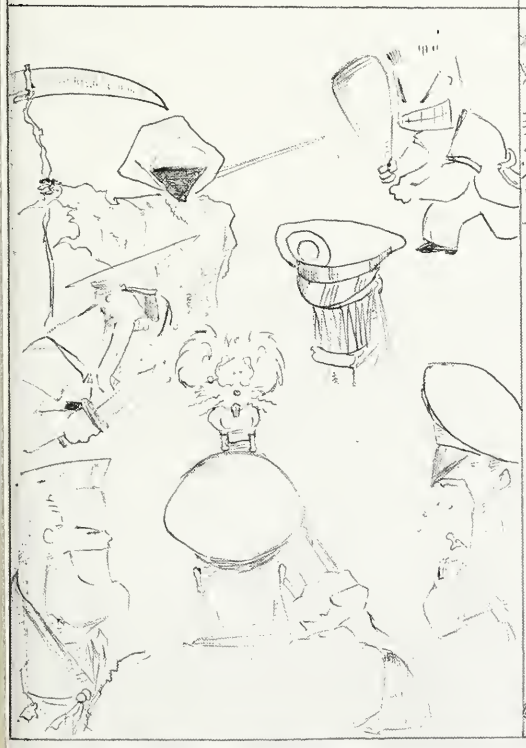
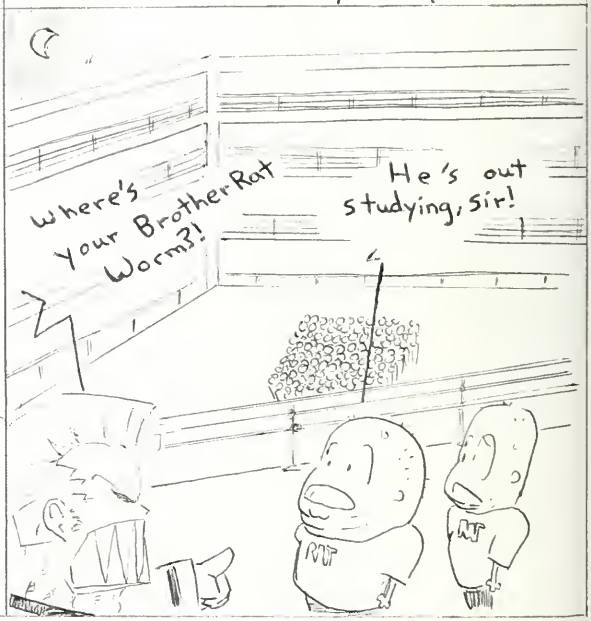


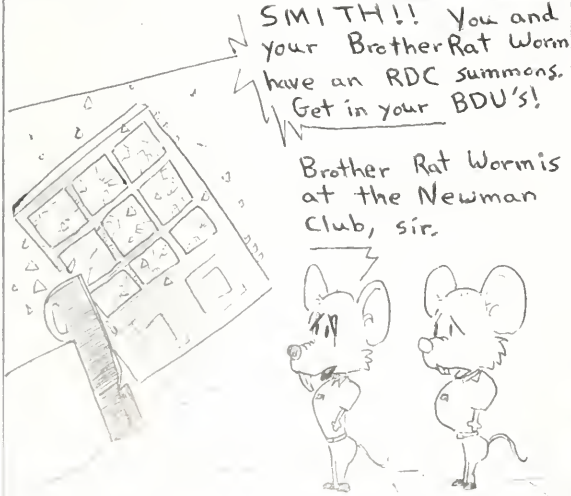
Sometimes life was real bad..

Some days did not always start very well.

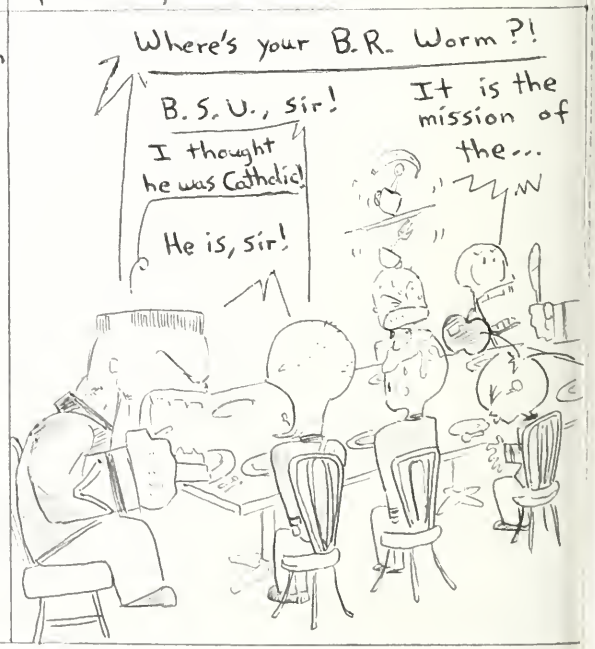
Sweat parties did, at least, tend to wake you up.



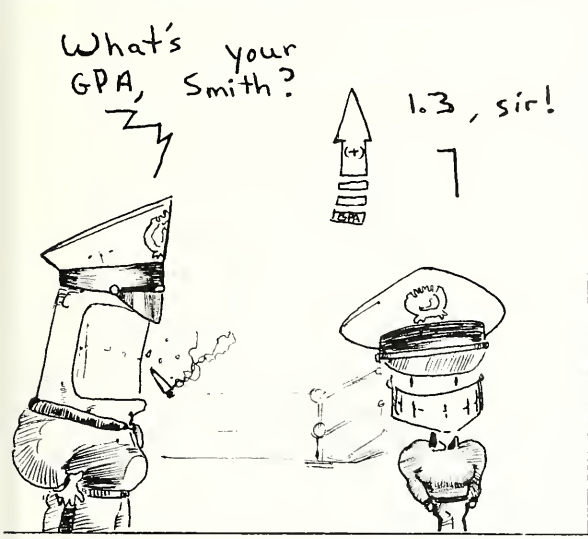

RDC meetings were yet another form of discipline.



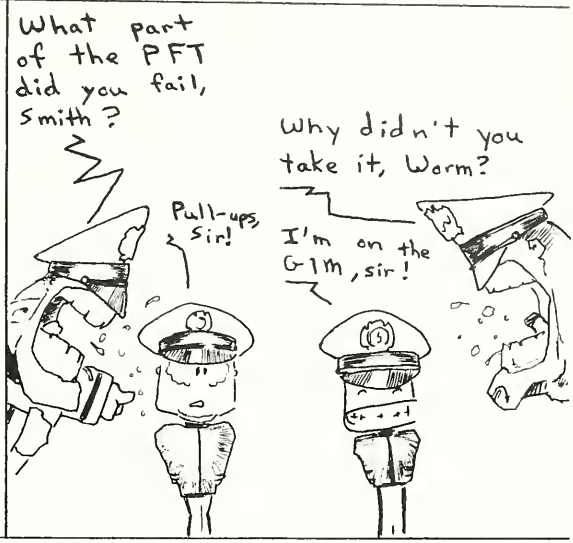

The meals weren't exactly pleasant, either.



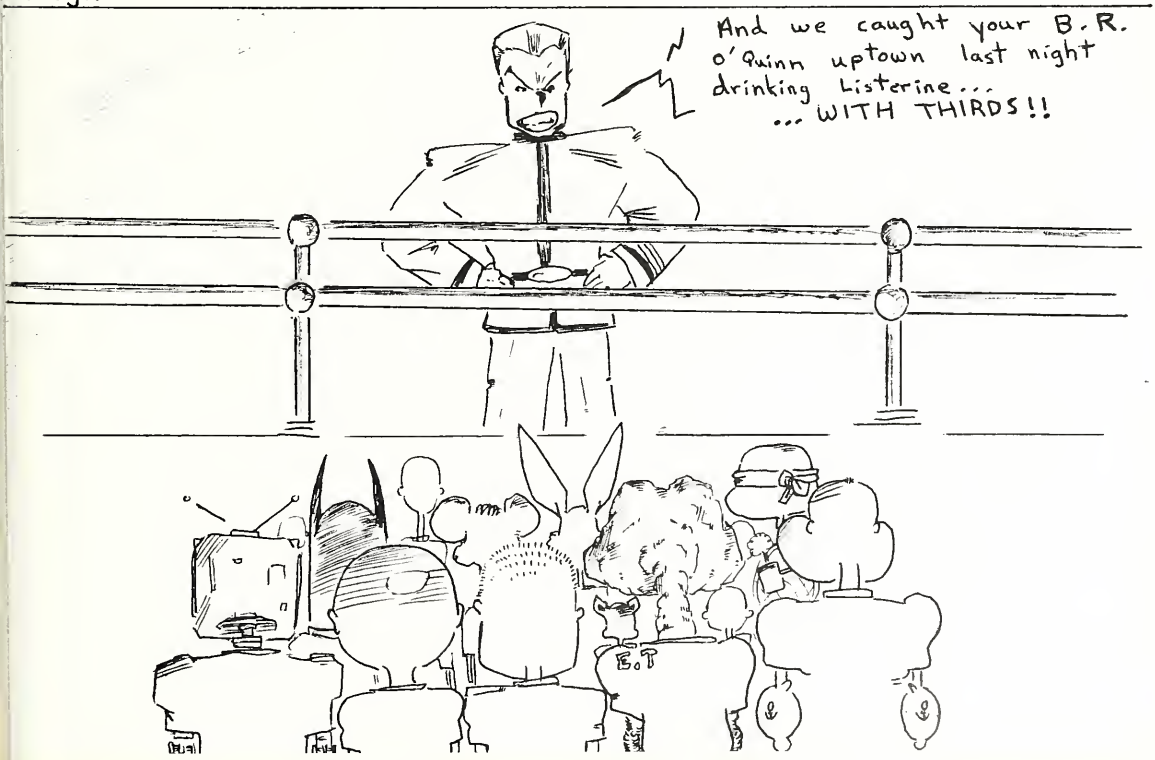
As the semester progressed, my grades got better and better. Before long I would finally achieve a 2.0.




Physical Fitness Tests proved to add even more stress to my life as a Rat.



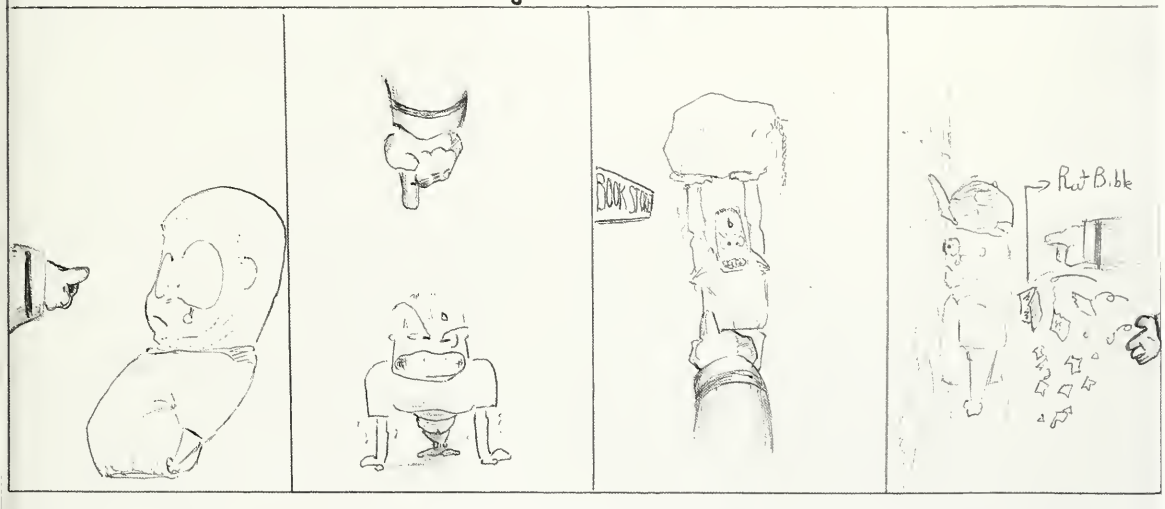

Just when I was ready to pack my bags and head home, my Brother Rats always managed to do something to make me laugh...



90 all of our troubles finally paid off. As we through the last test – breakout – many wondered if it was truly worth it. In the end, all agreed that it had been worth the fight. We had gone from Rat to Cadet, and soon we would be 3rds!!

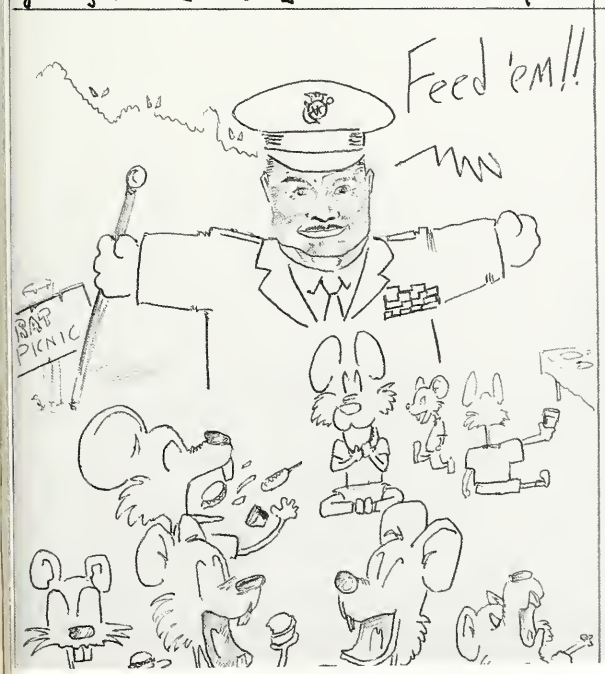
# Chapter 2: Third Class Year

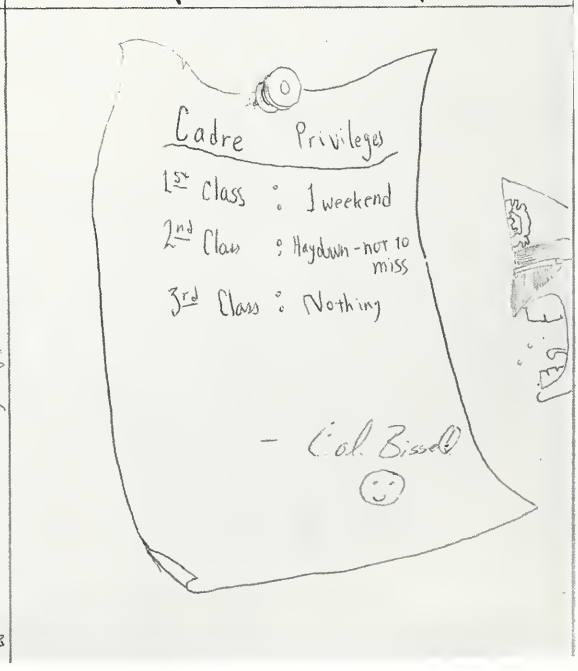
Third Class Year got off to a great start. I had the best time during Cadre Week!!



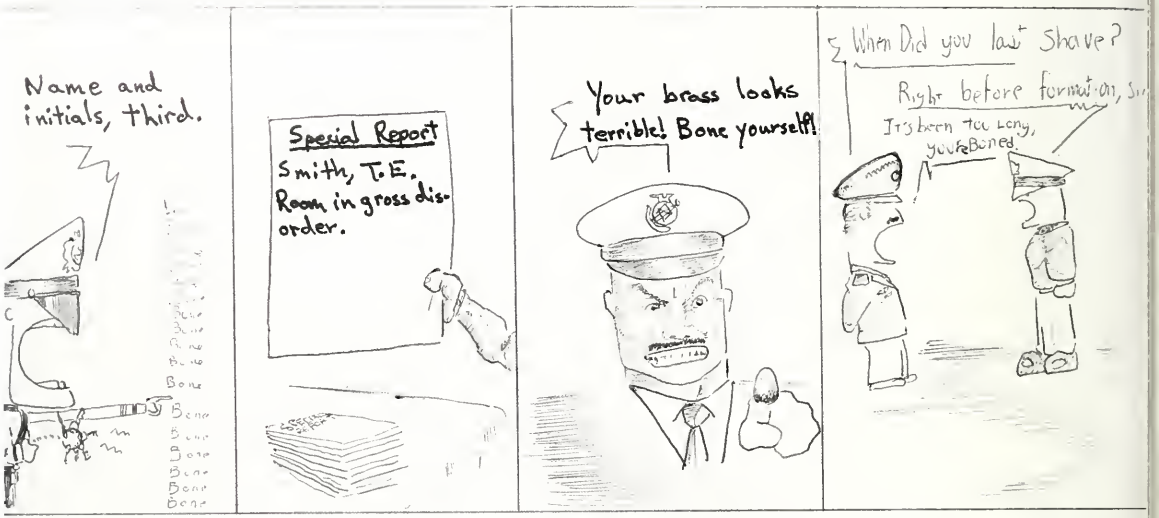

But then, I realized things weren't going to be as good as I had expected.

Col. Bissell, new to the school, proved to have a profound influence. He made many changes and showed as what discipline was really about.



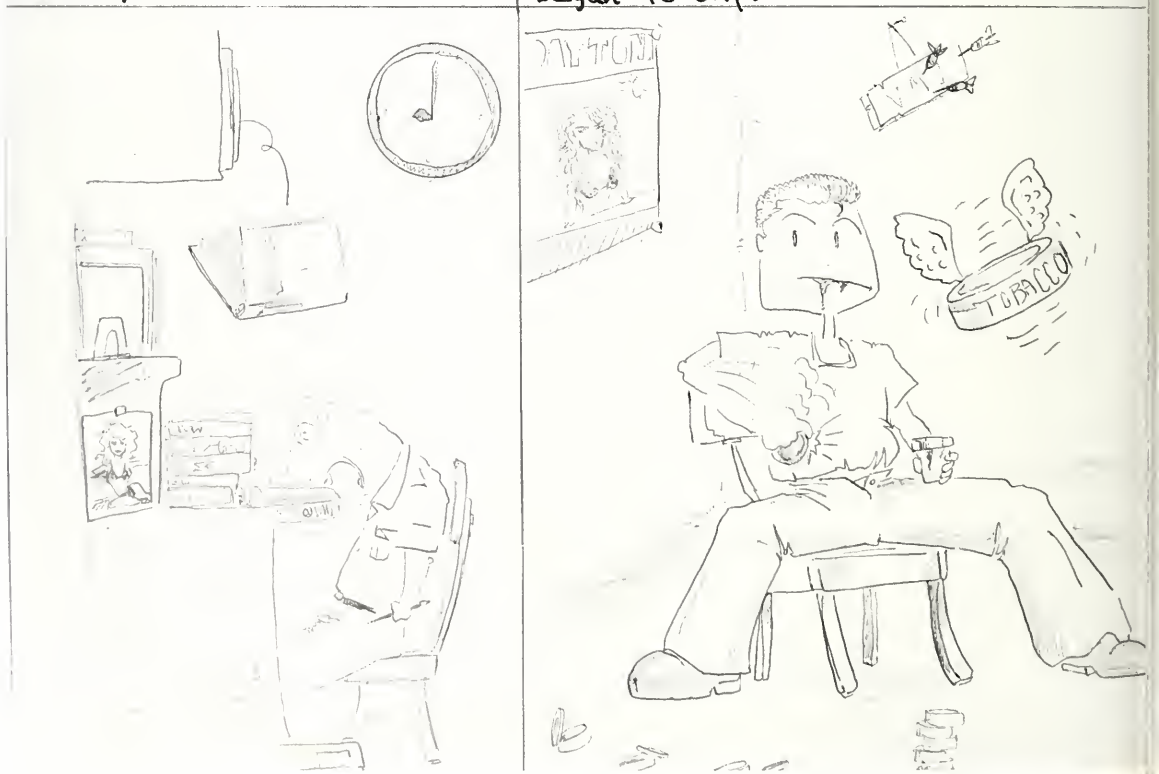



...zed that all the things the class of 1992 said about being a third were true. I was in for a year that would make the Rat-line look like a vacation.




Once I got into the thick of academics, I saw no hope.

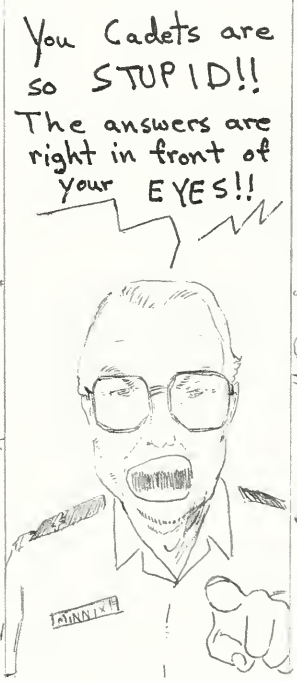
What was happening to me? My grades were beginning to slip. My appearance was getting worse and worse. I even began to dip.



Eventually, I slept in 90% of the classes I attended.

I may have been getting fat, making bad grades, and displaying poor military bearing, but atleast I still got respect from the Rats.

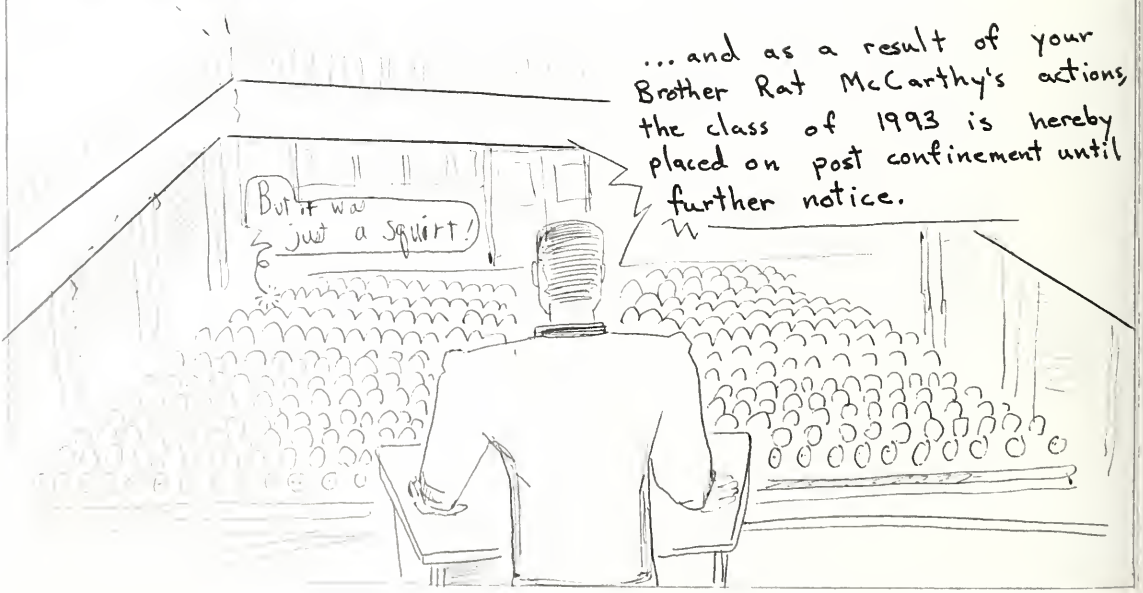
Physics was an academic endeavor I should have never attempted. By November, I realized that I would either spend the next four years in Mallory Hall, or that I would graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in History.



[illegible] class year truly expanded my horizons as I was allowed to go to mixers. It was nice to finally enjoy the company of a young lady.

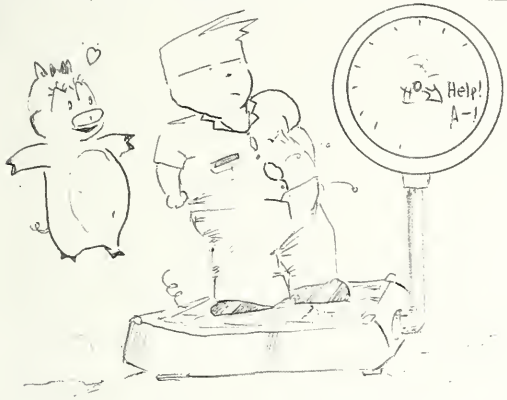
As thirds, my class learned the hard way that taking initiative was only something for Rats.

As the semester came to an end, the class of 93's relationship with the class of 91 was quickly deteriorating.

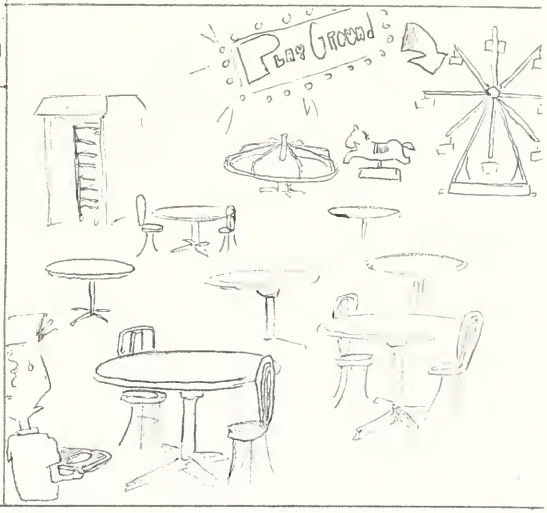


# Chapter 3: Second Class Year

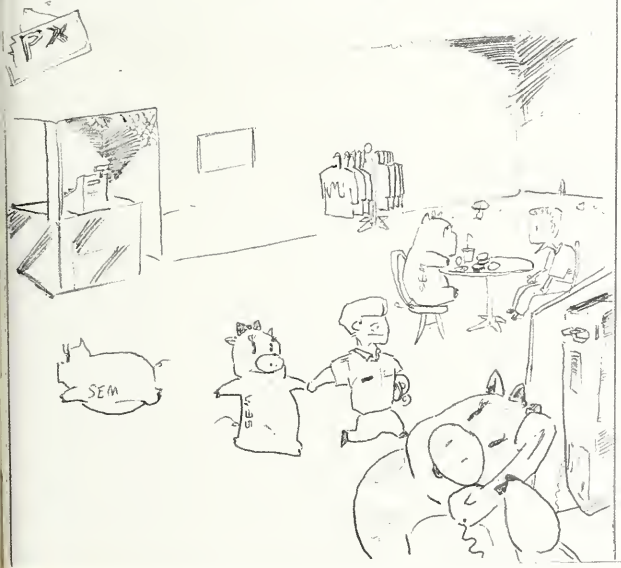
When I returned for my second class year, I quickly realized that not much would be different from the previous year. I was just a year older, a year closer to graduating, and a year fatter.




One of the few things that did change was the mess hall. It was... unique?




All in all, I was to undergo the same routine that I was put through my 3rd class year. Luckily, the Wednesday nights in the "X" always seemed to break the monotony.

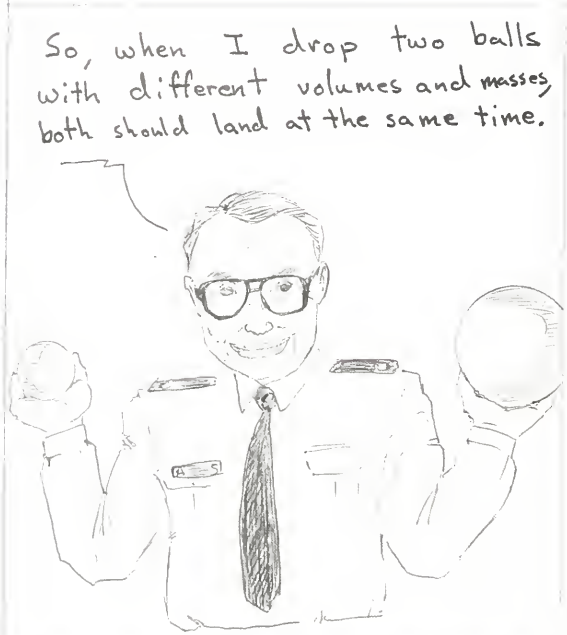


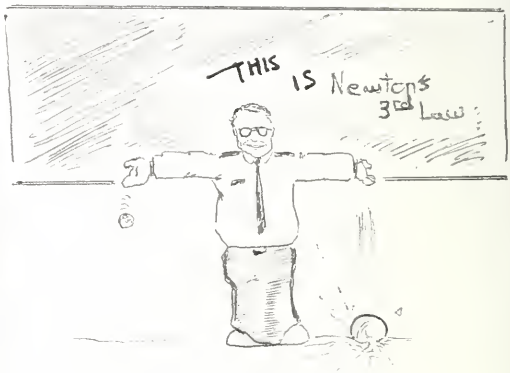

At the beginning of my 2nd class year, I officially became a special student.

Let me see... the number of times you've experimented with marijuana - "3000 plus," you've taken crack, heroin, been convicted of a "class 3" misdemeanors, armed robbery, attempted murder, urinating in public, and you have a metal plate in your head. Son, you're not worthy enough to be in my Army!

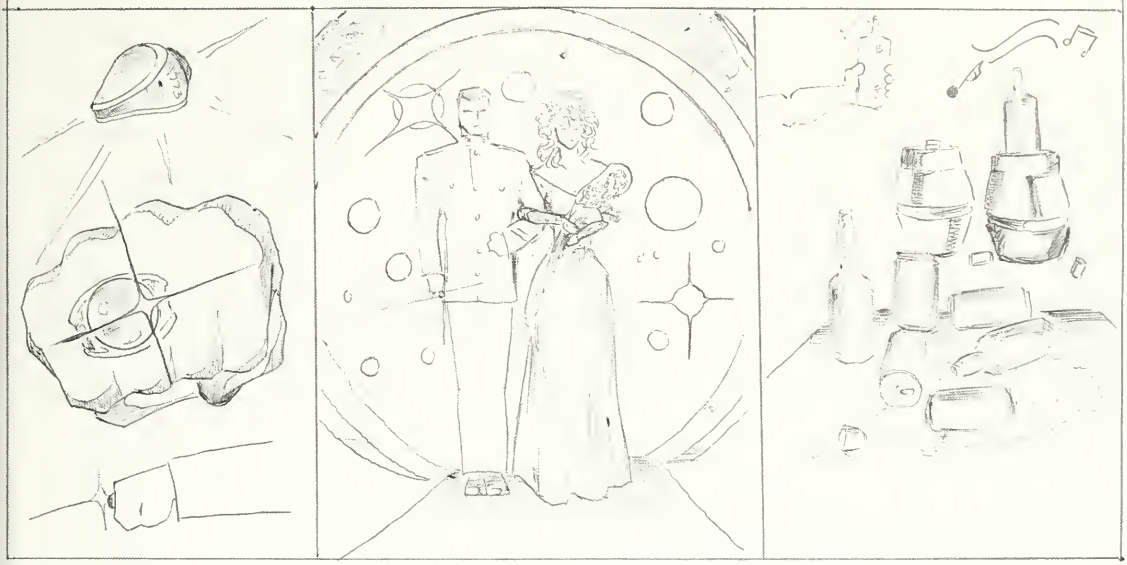
a little easier the second time around. Sometimes it just takes a different teaching method to get the point across...

... Other times it just takes a miracle



The highlight of second class year was, of course, Ring Figure.



Unfortunately, we had to sit through a day of classes before the big day would start.

Physics 201 (again)

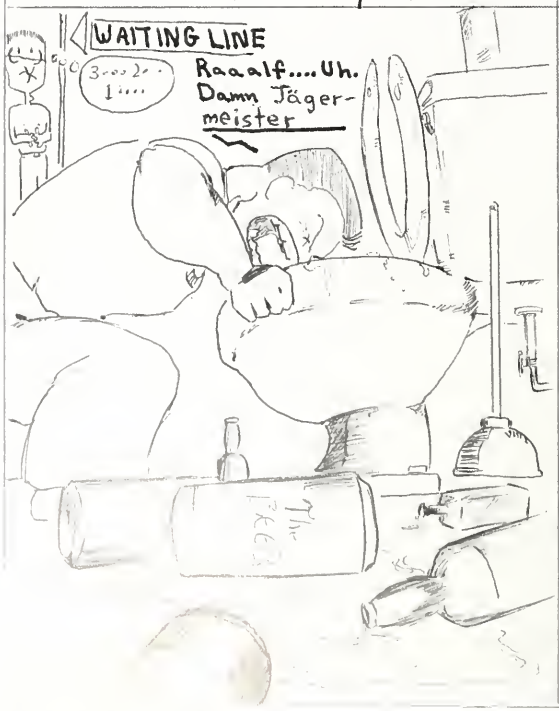
I don't care if it is Ring Figure. Were going to cover Quantum Mechanics...

... ALL OF IT!!

Afterwards, we all formed up in Coatee and white belt. Even LTC Mogee!

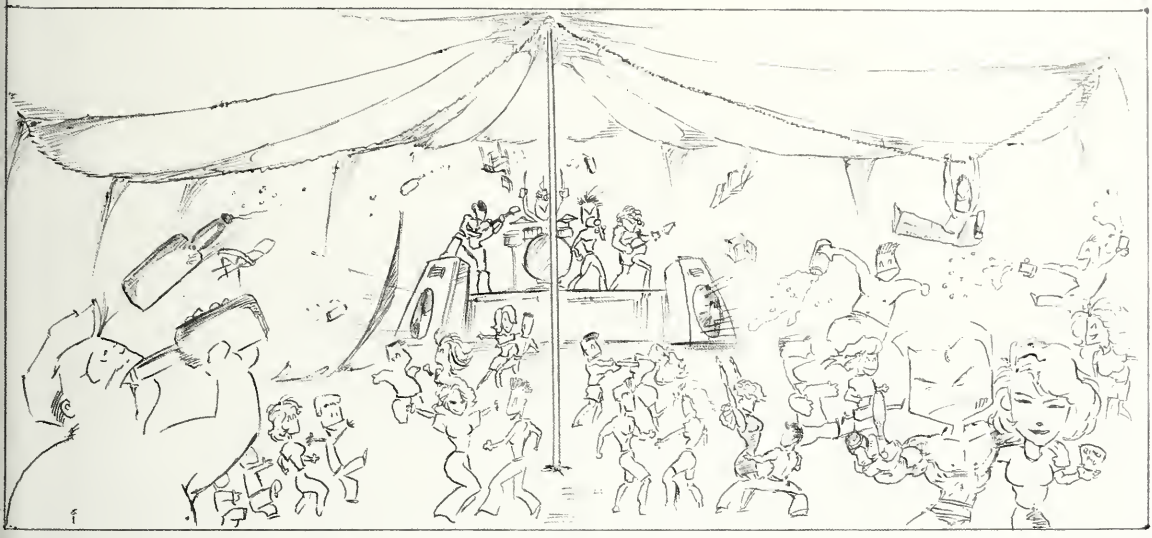
The parties that would follow were unlike anything the world had seen before.

The first night was a bit too much for many of us.




For some, it was a night of romance.

The tent party was incredible! People told us we were crazy to have Ring Figure in town, but we showed them!



Pay-backs are hell, though. The hangovers were the worst!!

Sunday morning we wondered where the time had gone. More importantly, we wondered where our dates had gone!

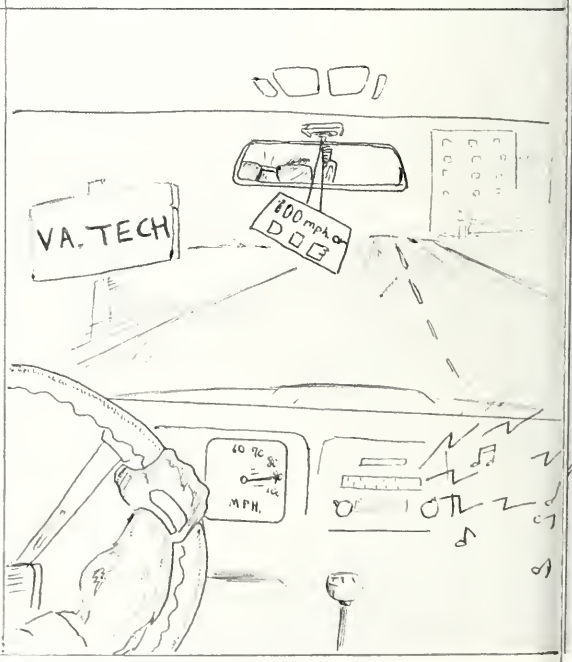
The rest of the year was pretty much the same as it had been before:

## Classes

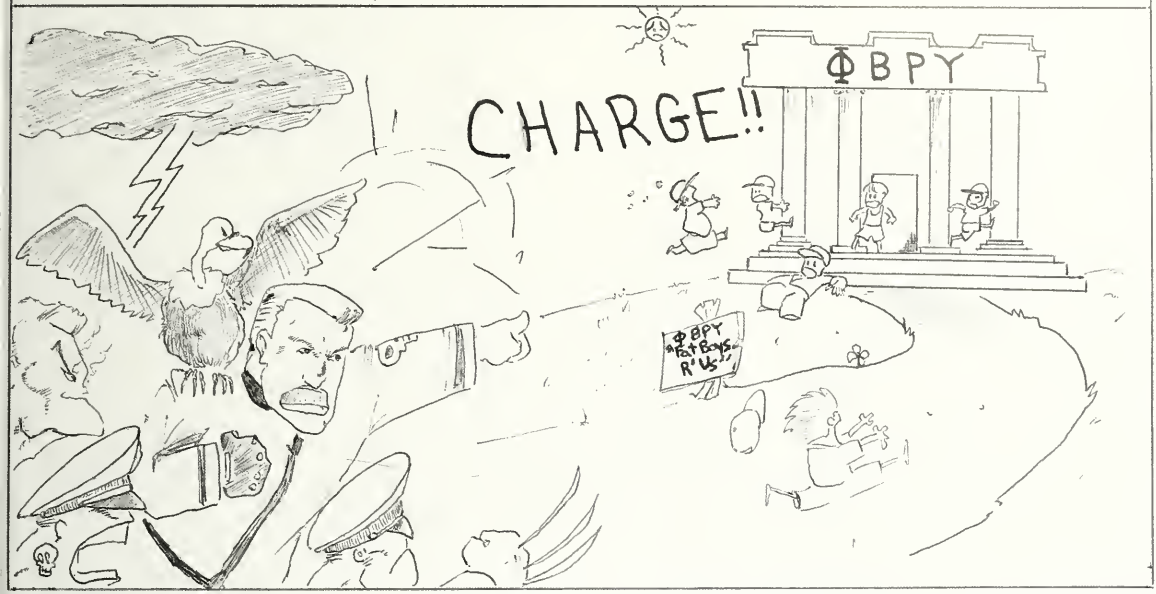
## Penalty Tours

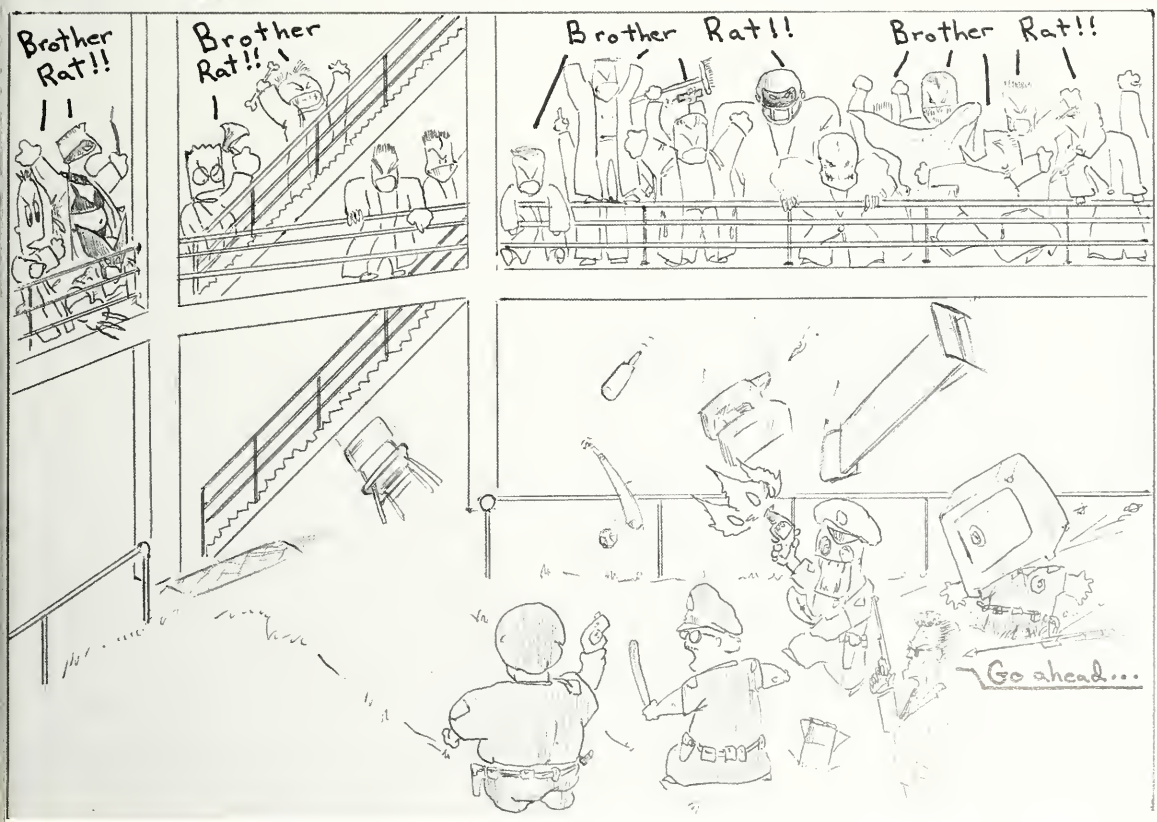
## Physical Fitness Tests

## Weekends



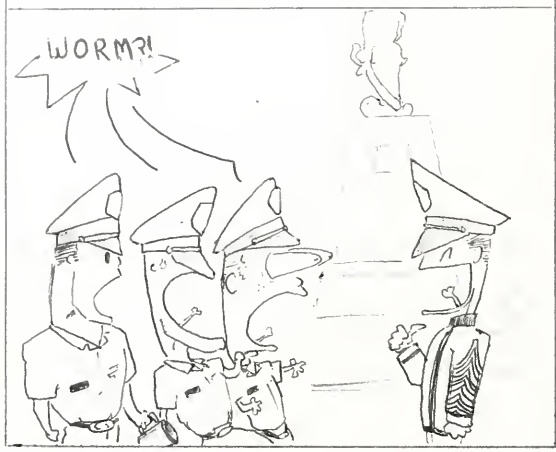
Brother Rats Ripley and Livingston did manage to keep the year interesting. What a riot!!



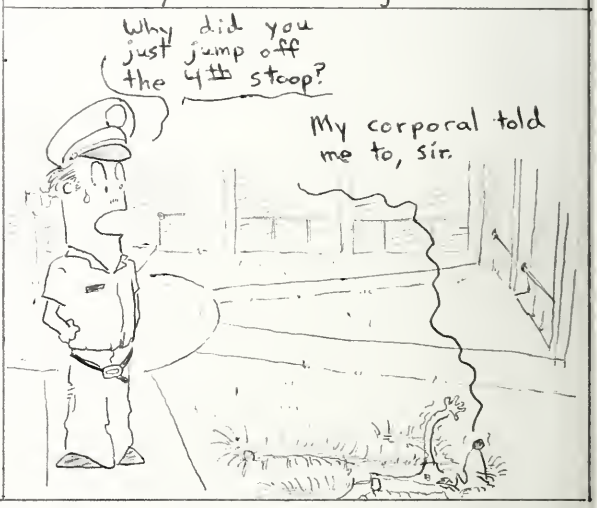



# Chapter 4: 1st Class Year

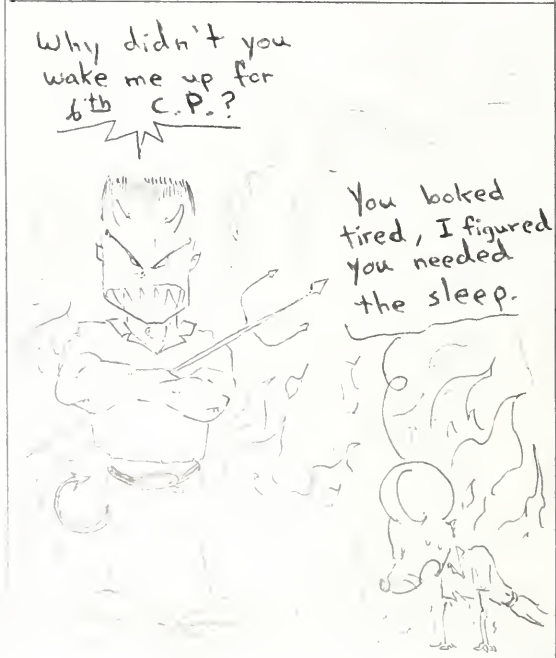
When I arrived back to school in August of 1992, I could tell my first class year would be full of all kinds of surprises.



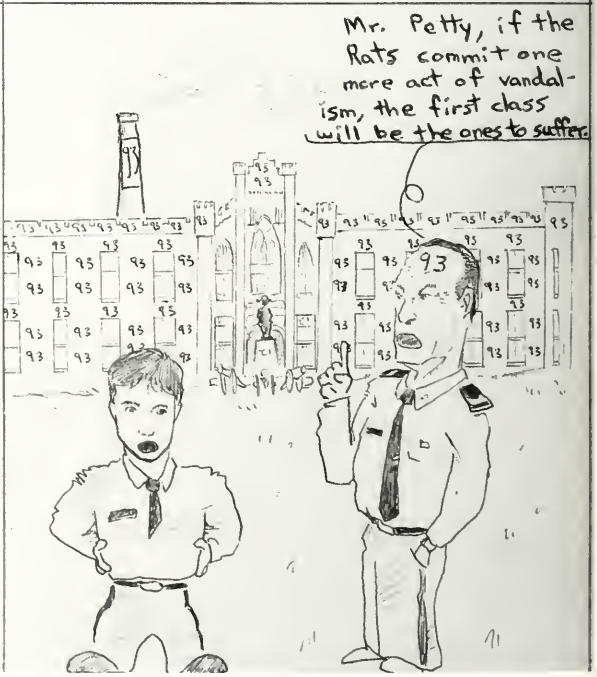

Our rats were not the smartest, but they were all right.



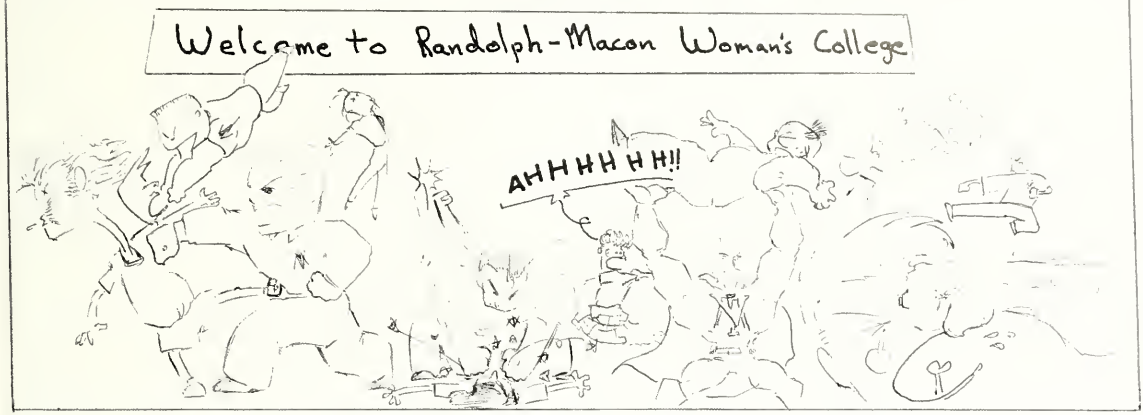

I must admit, having a rat was nice, but sometimes it could be really frustrating.



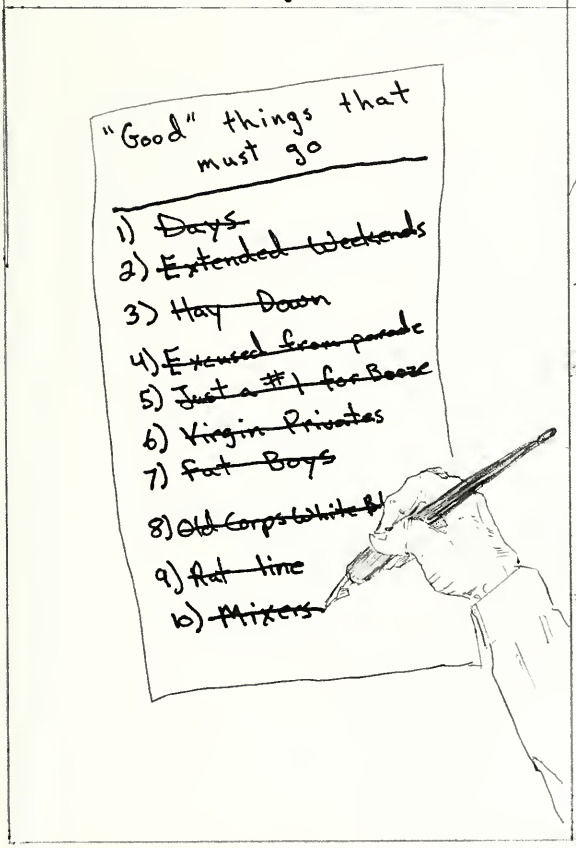

By February, it became quite evident that the Rats wanted to break out... bad.



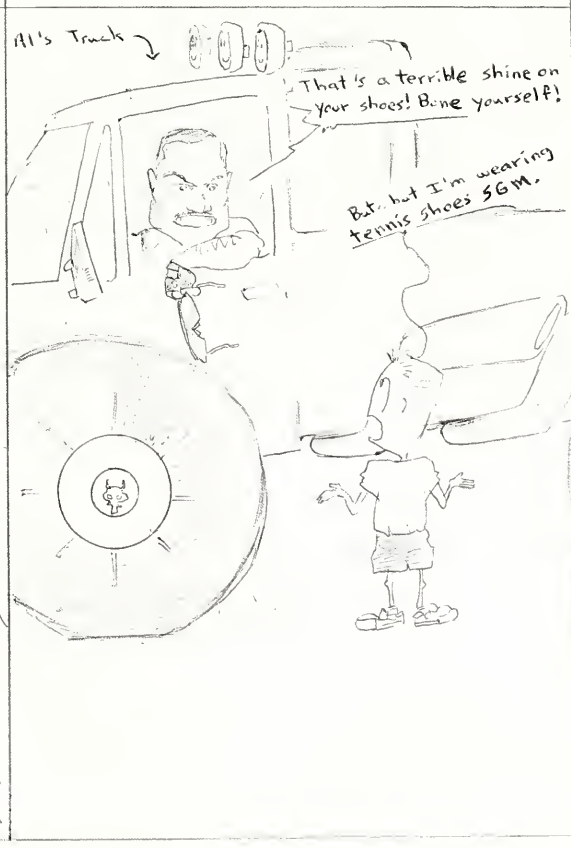
Even as First Classmen, the administration found reasons to limit our already non-existent social lives.




Many of us felt that certain Colonels and Generals were being a little too hard.




And then there was SGM Hakaday.



VMI was the center of controversy our First Class year. The issue of letting women in had been an ongoing debate among politicians for about a year now.

Ms. Terry, how do you feel about the VMI issue? Do you think women should be allowed to go?

Absolutely not! VMI is a unique school. Admitting women would ruin its system and compromise Virginia's educational diversity. Plus, women can go to Tech's Corps.

Of course, it was difficult to tell exactly who was on our side...

But that's not politically correct. Won't that have some bad effects on your own political future?

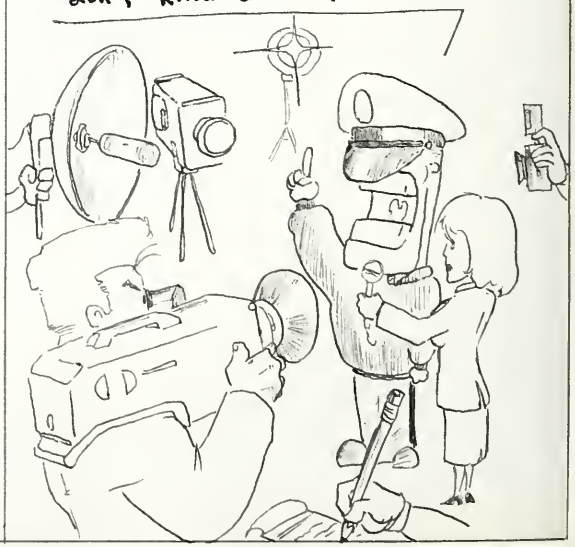
Yeah. I guess you're right. VMI... that herd of Neandrathals! If anything, they could use a woman's touch. I say admit women. Its the only right thing to do!

My First Class private "attitude" was truly born the day it became appearant that VMI's own commander-in-chief had his eyes on national office.

Well, if Gov. Clinton says gays are good enough for the military, I say women are good enough for VMI. Not just women, but gay women too. And Hermaphrodites. And homosexual pygmies with toe fetishes. And transvestite...

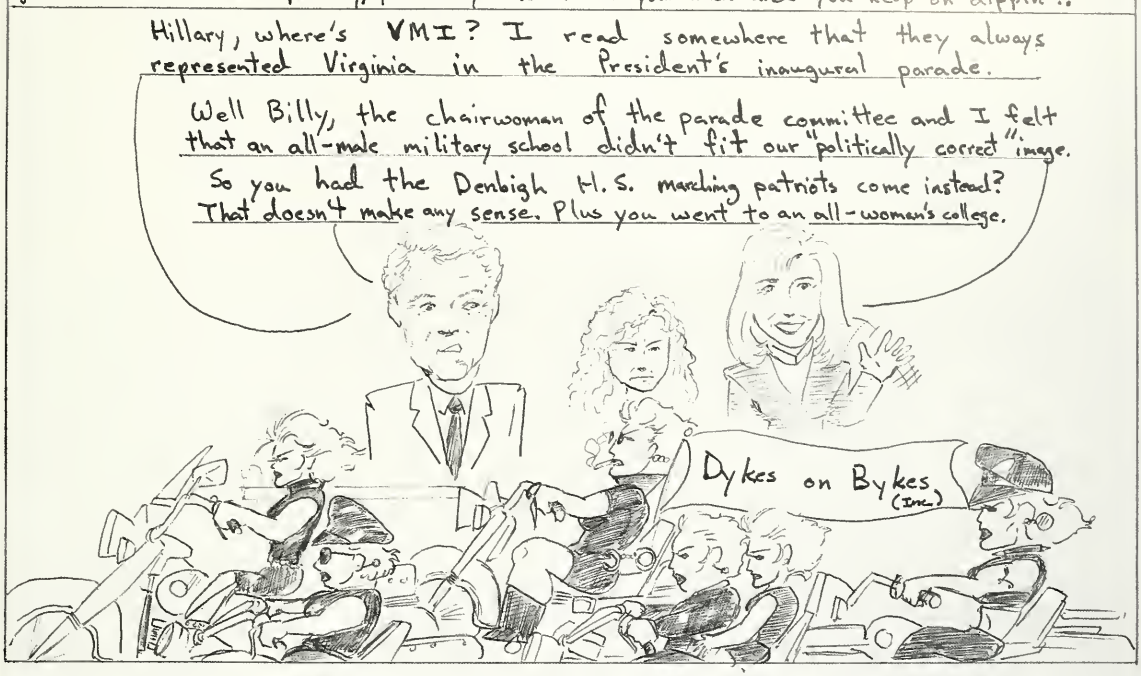
Reporters were constantly on hand to get a reaction from cadets.

Women... we already have women. Have you seen this year's rats! And Band Company! If thats not a bunch of women I don't know what is!!



# THE FINAL STRAW

I knew that I was a First Class private through and through when the President of the United States showed the Corps that even he was against us. It was then that I realized being a First class private doesn't just mean you wear no rank. It means you wear an attitude. Nothing surprises you. You shake your head at all the silliness that surrounds you. You take whatever might come your way like a man, then you grin and bear it. Most importantly, you wear your belt around your knees and you keep on dippin'!!



# Editor's Letter

## The Thank-yous

Well, its about half a year late, but at least its done! I would like to apologize to everyone who has purchased a copy of, or an add in the 1993 Bomb. The reason for its being so late really is a long story. But before I begin to explain, I would like to thank the people that contributed their time to the book's production.

Excluding the people who actually worked on the book, the members of the Publications Board did more for the Bomb than just about anyone else on post. I can not begin to thank you all enough for helping the Bomb staff deal with all of the Institute's red-tape, regulations, and general stupidity. I would especially like to thank LTC. Mike Strickler for his patience in dealing with me over the course of the summer. Col. Jones, Col. Hammond, and Maj. Wilson were also tremendously patient and always reliable throughout the school year. I can not express in words just how grateful I am for the help and support all four of you have given the Bomb staff over the last 18 or so months. I promise you, no one is happier than I that the "Girling fiasco" has finally come to an end.

Another group outside of the Bomb staff to whom I owe a great debt is the Commandant and his staff - yes, that's right, the Commandant and his staff. Col. Bissell has always been more than willing to listen to my gripes and complaints. With all you have to do, Colonel, you just about always managed to help my situation to some degree. For this, I am very grateful. Col. Williams and Sandy I owe not only my thanks, but my cadetship as well. I believe I was up for suspension about six different times this past year. I even almost got myself dismissed while following VMI's own "Code of a Gentleman." Thank you both so much for keeping me there through May. I was not always sure just how you managed to do it, but I was not quite foolish enough to bother asking, either!

I would not dare forget to thank the 1993 Bomb staff for all their hard work. John Craft, over the course of the past year you have become one of my best friends as well as one of the only people at VMI for whom I have an unconditional trust. I could have never asked for a better Managing Editor because you were much more than that; you became my partner. You were more of a Co-Editor than a Managing Editor. Thank you so much for all of your many hours of hard work on the book this year. Had you not been at my side to teach me every thing about making a yearbook, one would most likely not exist for the 1992-93 school year. My B.R.'s and I owe you a great deal. I wish you the best of luck with the 94' Bomb, I know you will do well. But please remember to "Charlie Yankee Alpha." In your position, chances are one of the good-old-boys has their eye on you.

There were many other members of the Bomb staff who went above and beyond. On the business side, John Greenspon always managed to stay on top of things for me. I must admit, John, I was frequently amazed at how you always had things taken care of. You spent so little time in the Bomb room and so much time in your rack! Sills O'Keefe also did a great job as Advertising Manager. Sills, you must be one of the most organized people I know. By the way, how many room-mates have you lost at this point?! Thank-you both for doing such a fine job.

Another group on the staff that did an out-standing job were the section editors. These guys really pulled a great deal of the weight. And talk about patience! I don't know how many times I had to say to these guys, "you've done it wrong, start over," after they had just spent hours working. But this is the nature of the beast. Rarely did I have to listen to them complain. Steve Kidd, Mark Wysong, Trey Tyson, Tim Collier, and especially Jim Delk spent so much time doing their sections; and they did them beautifully. I emphasize Jim Delk because he did the first class section. Jim, I think it can safely be said that this section is the best of its kind in the history of the Bomb. We also managed to get a much higher percentage of the Firsts in the section than the Bomb has had in the past. Our Brother Rats will never really know just how much they owe you for getting their histories in the book. And to think, the only thanks you got was your name on the dartboard! For what it's worth, my friend, I appreciate all of your hard work on such a thankless job.

Believe it or not, I would like to thank some of the people on the photography staff. Chris Noe did a wonderful job developing hundreds of pictures for me at the end of the year. Even though he had the rat-line to deal with, he was typically quite reliable. But the rat-line wasn't the hardest thing he had to deal with - he was my dyke!! Chris, I couldn't have asked for a better rat. You never bit back! I know I was a bear to deal with a lot of the time. I also developed a habit of coming to my room and kicking my rat (they wouldn't allow me to have a dog). Thank-you for all you have done for me inside room 114 and out. But please switch majors! Kevin Smith, Eric Tarbox, and Eddie Antione also did a great deal with the Bomb's photography. Getting you guys out of military duty (at the beginning of the year, at least) is not thanks enough. If pictures really do say a thousand words, you have all damn near written the book.

Bob Matson and Tom Westen did a great deal for the book and hardly picked up a pen to do it. The two of you always managed to bring a smile to me and Crafty's face. When I lost my temper, you two were always there to help me find it. By providing moral support to myself and the rest of the staff, you became the pillars of the Bomb. Thank-you so much. Bob where are you going with that duck-tape? Who's burning bananas? Tom, KFC my man, KFC!

Finally, I would like to thank the two companies we chose to work with. Walsworth Publishing has been remarkably patient in dealing with VMI this year. Randy Kilgore and Julie Neblock are the two representatives I have been lucky enough to work with for almost a year and a half now. The support the two of you have given the Bomb has been unmatched. Even with all the problems we have had to deal with this year (all of which, I would like to note, was VMI's fault) I have absolutely no regrets for having gone with your company. Thank-you both so much for all your hard work and persistence. I can not forget Kurt Arajou from Candid Color photography. I have never seen a more driven, organized, or harder working man in all my life. Kurt and his company have provided for the 93' Bomb quality and quantity. I never had to ask for anything from him more than once. He also managed to have a photographer on hand for me within a day's notice every time I required it. Kurt, you and your company have done a superb job for the 93' Bomb. I can not begin to thank you enough.

I am sure that I have failed to thank a number of people that have done a remarkable amount of work for the book this year. Let me apologize ahead of time a extend my gratitude to all that have made positive contributions to this year's Bomb. You have helped produce what appears to be a book that we can all be proud of. You have also made my job a great deal easier. For this, I am greatly indebted to you.

# Editor's Letter

## The Excuses

It is only fair that I give an explanation for the tardiness of this book. A lot of what I will have to say will make a number of people upset. But before I begin, let me first say that **I am in no way trying to escape any blame**. I was Editor. The book was my responsibility. To a great extent I have failed.

There is by no means one isolated problem that caused this book to be printed late. It was a combination of many problems. Therefore, I will attempt to explain as many as possible...

I was probably a little ambitious in deciding to become Editor. The Publications Board decided it was important to elect a First Classman. This is an understandable decision since many Firsts will not hesitate to tell a Second Classman to "go to hell" after being asked to do their part for the book. I thoroughly underestimated the amount of work that would be required of me. I assumed I would be able to delegate much of the busy-work involved. This, as you will soon understand, was not the case. In addition, I was attempting to take over eighteen credit hours of work. This proved to be way too much.

Another problem that proved to be devastating to meeting the book's deadline was my choice for Photography Editor. I chose a rising Third Classman because he had the most experience. No Firsts or Seconds that I knew of had dark-room experience at all. I had made it very clear to this person that he was in an administrative position. Outside of developing pictures, he would have very little to do with photography. His job was to put together a photography staff, instruct them on basic photography techniques, assign them to photo shoots, and develop pictures. He was told this on just about a daily basis, and never seemed to grasp the concept. Even though he had a good size staff of his own, he refused to instruct or to delegate. So when he chose to do any work, he was usually doing something he should have delegated. No matter how much I would remind him of what to do, or how to do it, he would continue to blow off my advice and/or my requests for work. After a while I had to step in and begin arranging photo shoots for organizations like the Honor Court. Because my Photography Editor would not assign someone to take the pictures (due to the fact that he never taught anyone on his staff about photography), he had to take the pictures himself. Many times he would not bother to show up. The Honor Court, for example, had to form up in coatee and virgin ducks four times before their picture would be taken, and I was the one to take the picture. It is not wise to have the Honor Court upset with you. In February, I elected to fire my Photography Editor. It had become evident that he was using his military duties (during which time he was to be doing work for the Bomb) to sleep, see his girlfriend, or to drink. I should have had around 200,000 photos at the time he was fired. I only had about 2,000. Most of these were multiple copies, too poor of quality, or just not of any use. Since this time he has accused me of being a poor manager. I think my problem was that I was trying to be too nice for too long. If this makes one a poor manager, maybe he is right. But I do not think that most people would have expected a 22 year old - ambitious enough to want to become a Green Beret officer - to be as immature and irresponsible as he.

Some changes made by the administration caused our staff some problems as well. One of the most significant problems came with the Bomb staff's change of military duty during the second semester. All publication staffs were required to do the VFT with the rest of the non-athletes in the Corps during Monday and Thursday military duties (VFT is the VMI physical fitness test). On Fridays all of us had to go to parade. Tuesday military duties were practice parades. If I begged, I could usually get myself and my Managing Editor out of this to work on the book. The only military duties the Bomb staff could theoretically get members of its own staff to work on the book was on Wednesdays - G.P. Can you imagine trying to talk a cadet into doing work during the only two free hours he has during the week? It wasn't easy and it usually didn't happen. Thus, John Craft and I, along with a few faithful staff members were eventually forced to do the majority of the work on the Bomb during our own study hours or on the weekends.

The administration also found it necessary to take away the power to bone from everyone that had it (this included me). Though I did not look forward to placing anyone of report, it did, when I had the power, make my job a lot easier. After I lost the power to bone, I found myself having to type up and, in a lot of cases, personally deliver numerous letters to people in barracks pleading with them to do what it was I needed them to do. Most of the time these letters would have to go to a couple hundred people. Each letter had to have a name and room number on it before it got delivered. This does not sound like much, but it actually took hours. I had to deal with many people that could not remember to get their pictures taken. I also had a problem with club presidents writing articles for the clubs they were in charge of. It was also necessary to arrange a time to get these clubs' pictures taken. After a while, I found that I would have to inform the club members myself because the club presidents had such a habit of blowing me off. As you can well see there are no pictures in the club section. They were lost during the Bomb's move at the end of the year. Not that it really mattered, I could only manage get about 40% of them taken, anyway.

Another problem that not having the power to bone presented was getting my own B.R's to get their portraits taken and their own histories turned in. Hour after hour was, of course, spent sending letters as a result. Most frustrating of all was dealing with some people on my own staff. Some I had managed to get days (leave during a day of classes) only to have them turn their noses up at me when I asked them to do their jobs. They knew I couldn't do anything about it. Fortunately when something like this happened it was the exception. The best example of how losing this authority effected the staff adversely is when I tried to place my Photography Editor on report for all he had done (or, actually, for all he hadn't done). I was told I could not do it. I was to use the G.C. instead. But when I sent him up to the G.C., the G.C. had no authority to punish someone for not doing their job on a publication. He got off scott-free in the end. It is amazing that in a military school as "disciplined" as ours, a Third can do this to a First and get away with it, isn't it?

Yet another cause for this book being printed late was my decision to begin using desktop publishing. Before, we use to draw up our pages by hand, make copies, and send them in to the publisher. This had an advantage in that we could print the book by graduation, but it also had disadvantages. Desktop publishing is much more organized. It makes it easier for the staff and the company printing the book. It also results in less errors, which saves us a great deal of money. I do not know of any colleges that still use the old method. It was about time that we started taking advantage of the modern technology in yearbook production. So I did. This may have back-fired a bit, but I do not regret the decision. I do not feel this was a major hindrance in the timely production of the book. The desktop will, at least, make things much easier for the Bomb staffs in the future.

So there you have it. This is why your Bomb is so terribly late. This is also why I had to attend the class of 1993's graduation as a visitor. Besides costing me graduation, the 93' Bomb has cost me a great deal of money. Not only because I spent a good deal of my own on the book, but also because I have not been able to get a degree-requiring job since I left the Institute in May. The members of my staff and I have worked very hard on this book and we have all sacrificed a great deal. Many other people outside of the staff had roles to play in the book's production. This is especially true with the First Class. Many of you failed to do your part. Therefore you, the ones who failed to do your part, were part of the problem. I have not been surprised to find that the only people who have complained to me so far have been the very people who neglected to do their role(s) in the Bomb. If you have any further complaints about the book, please do not give them to me. I think I have been punished enough.

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